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Silwan settlers get approval

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel's Cabinet decided Sunday that Jewish settlers may remain in the Arab village of Silwan, as long as they can prove ownership of real estate in the Jerusalem enclave.

The decision, which goes against the advice of Attorney General Yosef Harish, appears to open the way for massive Jewish settlement in all parts of Jerusalem, including neighborhoods heavily populated by Arabs.

While settlers applauded the move, critics voiced concern that it could have negative repercussions for the bilateral Arab-Israeli peace talks which were scheduled to resume in Washington on Tuesday.

The Cabinet decision came in the wake of a new spate of stone-throwing attacks in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. Four Israeli-owned vehicles were set on fire in East Jerusalem within a two-hour period Friday.

The Cabinet's decision related specifically to Silwan village, an intifada hot spot within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries at the foot of the Temple Mount.

On Oct. 9, 40 Jewish families clandestinely occupied five Arab houses there, claiming legal ownership.

Threats of possible violence from local Arab residents caused the police to intervene. They evacuated most of the squatters. But a group of settlers was permitted to remain, pending investigation of the legal status of their claim.

They occupied a building known as Meyouhas House, named after a Jewish family said to have owned it before the Arab riots of 1929.

Attorney General Harish, the government's chief legal adviser, recommended Nov. 26 that the settlers be removed because Arab unrest arising from their presence could spread all over Jerusalem.

The Cabinet, in effect, dismissed that warning when it announced Sunday that any Jew who could prove ownership of real estate in Silwan had a right to remain there.

It instructed the Jerusalem police to "ensure the safety of all the residents of Silwan."

A stampede of Jewish settlers is expected to follow, laying claim to property in what has until now been exclusively Arab neighborhoods. That, in fact, may be the intention of Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, a Likud hard-liner who owns an apartment in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City.

News of the Cabinet's announcement took the squatters by surprise. All were away from the premises at the time, but they quickly returned.

"It is a natural and just decision," said Avi Maoz, a leader of the local settlers group. He expressed surprise that the police would even consider depriving Jewish settlers of their "lawful rights."

He was echoed by Likud Knesset members Michael Eitan and Tzahi Hanegbi, who have been active on behalf of the settlers. According to Eitan, any other decision by the Cabinet would have compromised Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem and been interpreted as a surrender to Arab terrorism.

But Knesset members Yossi Sarid and Ran Cohen of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement called the decision yet another "dangerous surrender to the political hooliganism of the extreme right."

They accused the government of appeasing the settlers "at the expense of security in Jerusalem and at the expense of the rule of law."

Amnon Rubinstein of Centre-Shinui Movement said the decision would force the police to maintain a continuous state of emergency in Silwan and would further harm Israel's political standing abroad.

In yet another concession to settlers, Defence Minister Moshe Arens agreed Sunday to allow a group of 10 to 15 women to live in tents on the site of what he had earlier declared a Nahal paramilitary outpost in the Samaria region of the West Bank, south of Nablus.

The site is where two Israelis, Rachel Druck and Yitzhak Rofeh, were killed in a bus ambush Oct. 28. The Inner Cabinet approved a new settlement there on Nov. 27, named Rachelim, in memory of Druck.

Settlers established themselves there on Dec. 2 in three mobile homes.

But the government, concerned with world opinion at a time it was quarrelling with the United States over the date and place of peace talks, backed off to the extent of declaring the settlement to be military for the time being.

The settlers hauled away their mobile homes but retained a foothold.

Israel ready to talk

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Israel's 30-member delegation arrived in Washington on Sunday for talks which were scheduled to begin Tuesday morning with the Palestinians, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

"We come here with an open heart and intention to negotiate with our neighbors," said Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office, who is heading the team that will negotiate with Syria.

While reiterating that Israel would prefer the talks to be taking place in the Middle East, Ben-Aharon said Israel is ready to discuss all issues, whether procedural or substantive.

The United States originally invited Israel and the Arab delegations to open talks in Washington on Dec. 4. Israel, which had insisted on a Middle East venue, balked at what it considered U.S. pressure to conform.

The Israelis said they would show up on Dec. 9. But the Palestinians, who dutifully appeared Dec. 4 at the State Department meeting site, refused to come on Monday, which was the fourth anniversary of the start of the intifada.

After a considerable amount of jockeying, the two sides agreed to meet Tuesday.

But a few snags have emerged that could complicate the talks.

Israel is refusing to negotiate with the Palestinian delegation if it includes Dr. Saeb Erekat, who announced before the Oct. 30 opening of the peace conference in Madrid that he considered himself an appointee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israel has advised the State Department that it will not take part in the talks if Erekat is part of the official joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

"If he is there, we are not there," the Israeli spokesman said.

Renowned Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld was arrested Saturday by the Damascus police. Here she is shown in Malden, Mass. in 1990 at the arraignment of Holocaust revisionist Fred Leuchter. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Klarsfeld arrested by Syrian police

PARIS (JTA) —

French Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld was taken into custody in Damascus on Saturday morning and placed under house arrest in her hotel room.

Klarsfeld, who with her husband, Serge, helped bring Klaus Barbie and other Nazi war criminals to justice, was seized by Damascus police outside the Interior Ministry.

She was demonstrating there against the continued haven Syria has given Alois Brunner, one of the last of the major Nazi war criminals still at large.

The German-born Klarsfeld was also protesting Syria's denial of civil rights to its Jewish community, which is prevented from emigrating.

At *CJN* press time, she was still in her hotel room. A ranking Interior Ministry official reportedly promised that he was "trying to get her a meeting with an important Syrian personality," to whom she could express her concern over Brunner and the treatment of Syrian Jews.

Klarsfeld entered Syria last Thursday with admittedly questionable documents. Her husband has been able to speak to her by telephone from Paris.

The Syrians are reportedly trying quietly to rid themselves of Brunner, who is alleged to have lived in Damascus for more than 30 years.

He occupied a villa on George Haddad Street under the name of Georg Fisher. But on Oct. 15, he was reported to have disappeared.

The Syrian authorities are said to be trying to ease him out of the country in stages, by taking him first to a less visible location. They are said to have already produced a sheaf of forged documents to prove that Brunner, alias Fisher, never lived at the villa.

Brunner, 79, was sentenced to death in absentia by a French court in 1954 for premeditated murders and torture. As an SS officer, he commanded the Drancy internment centre near Nazi-occupied Paris, where Jews and others were kept temporarily before deportation to death camps in Eastern Europe.

He also was responsible for deporting the entire Jewish community of Salonika, Greece, few members of which survived. Brunner continued deporting Jews from France even after the Allied landings in Normandy in June 1944.

Like many other major war criminals, he managed to evade punishment after the collapse of the Third Reich a year later and found not only refuge but welcome in Syria.

The Damascus government has persisted, however, in denying his presence, and repeated French requests for extradition have gone unheeded.

Holiday deadlines

Due to the holiday period, there will be no issue of January 2, and we will be going to press early with the issue of December 26.

The editorial deadline for the December 26 issue is Friday, December 13.

Advertising deadlines for the issue of December 26 are as follows: Organizations and Classified, Friday, December 13 at noon; Display, Monday, December 16 at noon.

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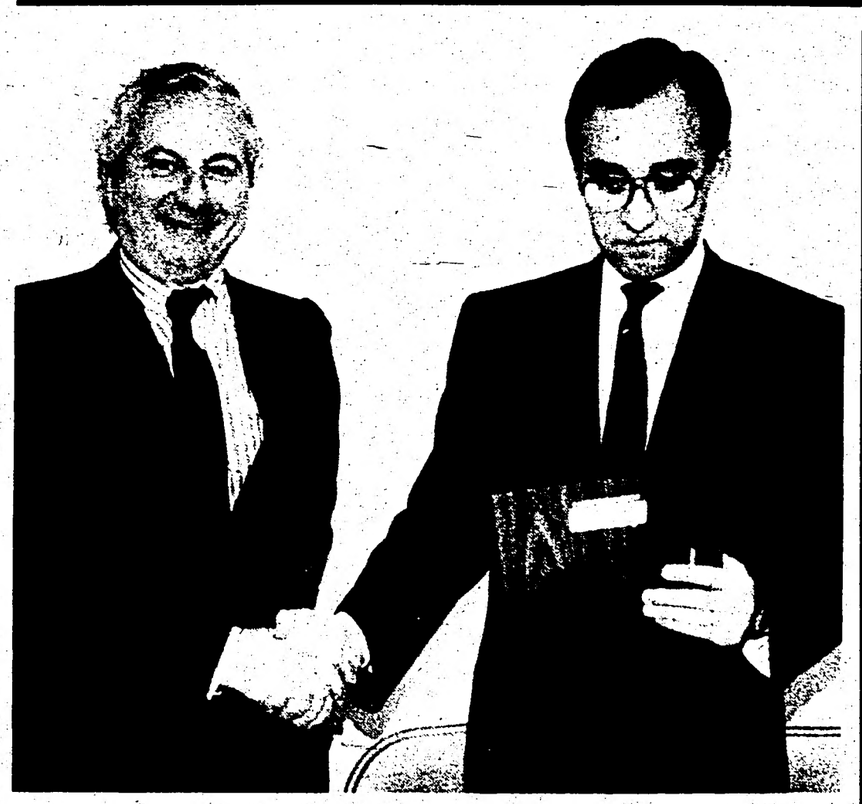

Abe Szpirglas (right), new president of the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Jewish Federation hands a plaque to outgoing president Gerald Swaye.

Federation given optimistic forecast

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

There was a general mood of optimism at the recent Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Jewish Federation annual general meeting; the opinion was expressed that, following some judicious housecleaning, the outlook for this community is a good deal brighter than it has been.

"The agenda for the '90s," newly installed president Abe Szpriglas, told the assembled board members and guests, "is mostly a good-news type of agenda."

Conceding that the last few years had been difficult ones for the community, Szpirglas promised that now that the groundwork has been done in setting the community on "a solid financial framework," Federation can get on with its task of planning and setting an agenda.

Accordingly, the first announcement in his brief acceptance speech was the establishment of a new planning and priority setting committee with former president Andrea Stringer as chairman.

And noting this community's "desperate and urgent need for an endowment campaign," he further announced that Phil Leon, also a former president, would become chairman of a new endowment fund campaign committee.

This committee, Szpirglas said, "will go beyond being a Federation committee but rather, it will be for the community as a whole."

He also announced that CeCe Schreiber has been named 1992 UJA campaign chairman, the first woman in Hamilton to take on that position.

The eldest son of Polish-born survivors, Szpirglas is a lawyer with a long record of community involvement.

He was JCC president in 1980-81, has been a member of the Federation board ever since, served as chairman of the community relations board and was for many years actively involved in the Hamilton Holocaust remembrance committee.

Szpirglas succeeds Gerald Swaye, who is his "swan song" also commented on "the good fiscal shape" of both Federation and the JCC.

It's been "a rough ride" since the move to the new JCC four years ago but "the community has pulled together and I'm pleased to say," Swaye stated, "that I'm only looking for good things in the future."

He lauded executive director, Claire Mandel, and Jewish Social Services director, Carol Krames, for the excellent job they are doing and also thanked Federation staff for their outstanding work.

Reporting on the UJA campaign on behalf of chairman Sheldon Frank, vice-chairman Larry Szpirglas announced that "card for card" the campaign was running approximately 10-12 percent ahead of last year.

For Jewish Social Services, Krames reported that 35 new Russian families were "welcomed" over the past two years and that in total, there are now 75 families from the Soviet Union living in the Hamilton area.

The new families have been helped financially, with counselling and resettlement; they have joined the JCC and the children attend the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

Some attended English classes, some are looking for work and of the 12 new families who arrived over the past year, "nine have at least one person working," said Krames.

Other JSS programs include a sheltered workshop, seniors' activities, home visiting and counselling.

Phil Leon installed the new executive, which includes David Steinberg as president-elect; Sheldon Frank, George Czutrin and Jacki Levin, vice-presidents; William Halpern, treasurer; and Dr. Cheryl Greenbaum, secretary.

JNF spreads message in schools

HAMILTON —

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has entered the classrooms of all Jewish schools in Ontario's small communities, reports Hamilton-based regional Keren Kayemet director, Yigal Yardeni.

Indeed, "the JNF is becoming an integral part of the curriculum," Yardeni told *The CJN* following recent visits to several of the province's small communities.

"There is no classroom that we go into without seeing some evidence of JNF," he states.

Not only that but altogether, "there's no comparison between the presence of JNF" in these communities two years ago, when he first came here, and today, he says.

In Windsor, for instance, the 80 pupils of Shaarei Shomayim school "study Israel and Hebrew through the JNF."

JNF, he explains, has supplied the school with the names of 12 moshavim. Each classroom has adopted a moshav and the sight of all these classrooms decorated with pictures, flags and maps and the name of the moshav on the door, he says, "is really quite amazing."

One of the Windsor pupils will be celebrating his bar mitzvah in Israel next year and already arrangements have been made for the boy and his family to visit "his" moshav.

Tu b'Shevat, of course, is an important date on the calendar as well as part of the curriculum and we hope, says Yardeni, "that every student will plant one tree."

Similar programs have been initiated "in practically all Jewish schools — Oshawa, Kingston, Kitchener-Waterloo, St. Catharines, Peterborough, Sarnia and up north, in Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay," says Yardeni, trying to name them all.

All schools are on the mailing list and JNF keeps in touch with principals and teachers and keeps the schools supplied with material and information.

"They welcome our work and feel that it is really important," says Yardeni.

JNF is also trying to involve children in the blue box campaign, and here Yardeni reports a first-time ever "community-wide, house-to-house collection" in Kitchener-Waterloo, where a year ago, "half the homes had no boxes at all."

A similar collection took place in Kingston under the chairmanship of Norman Sugarman and in Hamilton, the recent blue box collection turned out to be a record.

Also, reports Yardeni, card offices have been opened in many communities for the first time.

In Niagara Falls, Geoff and Kitty Rose are responsible, in Kitchener-Waterloo, Diane Richmond is in charge and in Sudbury Rose Carpino sends out the cards.

Yardeni was especially delighted recently to receive orders for 90 trees in honor of each of the 90 guests from Sudbury who travelled to Toronto for the bar mitzvah of a boy from their community.

In other JNF news, Yardeni reports a very successful High Holy Days Yizkor campaign in those communities where it did not conflict with the Israel Bonds campaign. The results, he says, "were very encouraging."

Also, preparations are underway for the Negev Dinners in Hamilton, Windsor and London, where, he says, the 1991 tribute dinners were especially successful, "partly due to the fact that all honorees visited Israel prior to the dinner."

— M.W.

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Members of Hadassah-WIZO's newest chapter, Zev Lahav, sold over 300 tickets recently to celebrate the opening of Toronto's Shark Club. The chapter, formed last spring, is comprised of women aged 24 to 30 and half the members are ex-Montrealers. Proceeds from the evening will go toward Hadassah projects in Israel. [Ron Csillag photo]

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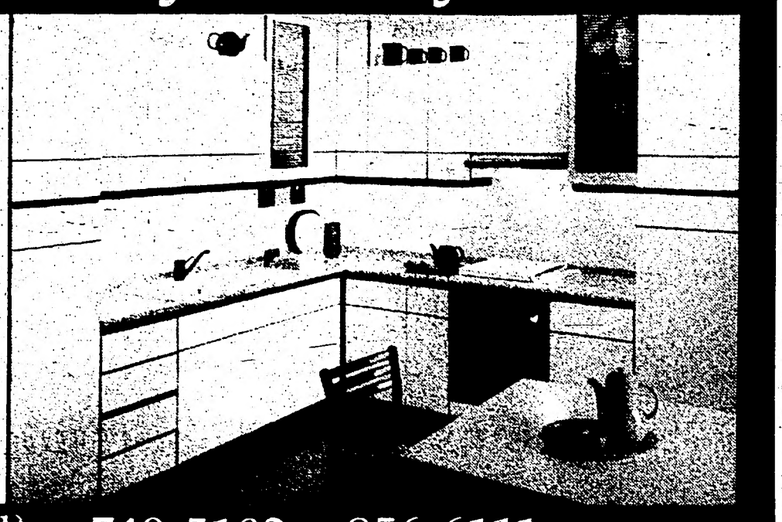

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Toronto MP visits Syria

By
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TORONTO —
Western claims that Syria's 4,300 Jews are subject to state-sanctioned oppression and harassment are "a bit exaggerated," says a member of Parliament who visited Damascus last month.

Given the opportunity, "most" Syrian Jews would not emigrate. They simply want the right to travel freely, says Jesse Flis, the Liberal member for the Toronto riding of Parkdale-High Park.

Flis and Tory MP Bob Corbett went on a 10-day swing through Syria, Israel and Jordan on a trip sponsored by the Canada-Arab World Parliamentary Association.

(Corbett was one of three MPs who journeyed to Iraq just prior to the outbreak of the Gulf War in order to secure the release of Canadian hostages held in Baghdad.)

In Damascus, he and Flis met with the speaker of Syria's parliament and a representative from its foreign ministry, both of whom Flis says assured them that Syrian Jews are treated as well as non-Jews.

But questions about Syrian Jews "touched a raw nerve," Flis said.

He said Syrian officials became "agitated" when asked about the status of the country's Jews.

"They denied that many Jews want to leave Syria," Flis told *The CJN* during an hour-long interview in his office last week. "They said, 'Go talk to them and see for yourself. Many are successful businessmen and have the same rights as anyone else.'

"They also went on a long tirade about how Israel is splitting up [Syrian] families. They shifted their human rights problems to Israel."

Flis said he went to the Damascus *souk* [market] and "it was difficult for us to distinguish who was Jewish and who was Arab. They were all mixed up. They were all doing a thriving business."

That observation led him to believe that "many" Syrian Jews are "successful business people. Most don't want to leave. They want the freedom to travel."

Flis said he did not speak to any Jews.

Jesse Flis

According to the National Task Force for Syrian Jews and several international human rights organizations, Syrian Jews are routinely harassed, denied key jobs, arrested without charge, cannot vote and are monitored by the secret police. Their emigration is strictly forbidden and travel for them is severely limited.

Last August, Flis went to Israel on a junket sponsored by the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Association. This latest trip has allowed a view of the Mideast "from both sides," he said.

Throughout the trip, Flis said his Arab hosts cited Israel's policy of continuing to build Jewish settlements in the territories and the Golan Heights as the greatest stumbling block to peace.

While they "talked tough," both Syria and Jordan assured the MPs they would not be the first to pull out of peace talks with Israel, he added.

In Israel, Flis and Corbett were taken to East Jerusalem and the territories, and met with Arab members of the Knesset.

In Bethlehem, Flis said the presence of machine gun-toting Israeli soldiers "did not leave a good taste in my mouth.

"This trip helped me appreciate the Palestinian cause more. They convinced me they're not the terrorists the media sometimes makes them out to be. They want the same peace Israel wants."

At the same time, Flis said if he were Israeli, "I would fight for the same things they're fighting for. I can't see how having a country that's nine kilometers wide [without the West Bank] would give me any security."

Canada should have more exchanges with Arab nations, Flis said.

Politicians form lobby for Syrian Jews' rights

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —
At the request of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Syrian Jewry has been created with House of Commons speaker John Fraser serving as honorary chairman. Its major purpose is to lobby for the emigration and other basic rights of Jews in Syria.

Fraser hosted the inaugural meeting of the all-party group, which includes both members of Parliament and senators, held last week at Parliament. Fraser noted the "intense" concern for the welfare of Jews in Syria, and expressed the hope that this group will be able to work as effectively as the longstanding Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry.

The Syrian Group will have the same chairman — Bill Attewell, Progressive Conservative MP for the north of Toronto riding Markham Whitchurch-Stouffville. Attewell said the Soviet Jewry group, which he has led for five years, continues to exist, but concerns itself mainly with individual cases of rights violations.

Other members of the founding executive are: vice-chairmen Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal, Liberal), Jim Edwards (Edmonton Southwest, PC) and Svend Robinson (Burnaby-Kingsway, New Democratic Party). Don Valley North PC Barbara Greene is secretary/treasurer.

Directors are: Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South-Centre, Liberal), David Berger (Saint Henri-Westmount, Liberal), Jean-Pierre Hogue (Outremont, PC), Nelson Riis (Kamploops, NDP), Joe Volpe (Eglinton-Lawrence, Liberal), and senators Jerry Grafstein (Metro Toronto, Liberal) and Mira Spivak (Manitoba, PC).

Fraser is the Conservative MP for Vancouver South.

One of the first jobs of the executive will be to sign up as many fellow parliamentarians as possible to the group. Attewell noted that, at its peak, the Soviet Jewry group had 282 members, or about 75 percent of the MPs and senators.

The Syrian Jewry parliamentary group is believed by CJC to be the the first of its kind in the world. Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa, chairman of the CJC national Jews in Arab lands committee, said he hoped the group would serve as a model for other governments to form similar bodies in order to mount international pressure.

Rabbi Bulka said the 4,300 Jews in Syria are subjected to "torture and persecution," held under virtual house arrest and not permitted to emigrate. He said the vast majority of Syrian Jews "would be on the bus tomorrow" if they had the right to leave.

The Syrian government has publicly denied these charges, he said, and pointed to the existence of Jewish schools and synagogues as evidence of religious freedom. In fact, though, CJC says there are restrictions on religious and Jewish educational activity.

Rabbi Bulka charged that the Jews are being held as "hostages" by Syria for its own "self-serving purposes" in the Middle East conflict.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the group's strategy. Both Attewell and Axworthy have already raised the Syrian Jewry issue in the House. With the Parliament breaking for the winter break, the group will not be getting into high gear until the session resumes in February.

Robinson suggests that one of the first things the group can do is contact External Affairs officials to see what they know and may be able to do, as well as register the group's concern for Syrian Jewry with the Syrian ambassador to Washington, who is also accredited to Canada.

In the longer term, Robinson said he thought sending a small parliamentary delegation to Syria would be useful. The External Affairs subcommittee on human rights might also be urged to hold a public hearing on the matter.

The CJC officials present, which included executive vice-president Alan Rose and legislative analysis director Eric Vernon, suggests Parliament officially declare a Syrian Jewry day in Canada.

Grafstein observed that Syria today is trying to project an image to the world of being a nation that honors its international agreements, and suggested that Canada confront Syria with its treatment of Jews in international arenas. However, he advised that specific cases of rights violations be referred to when doing so.

Rose thinks Canada could play a role on behalf of Syrian Jewry at meetings of the Geneva-based United Nations Human Rights Commission.

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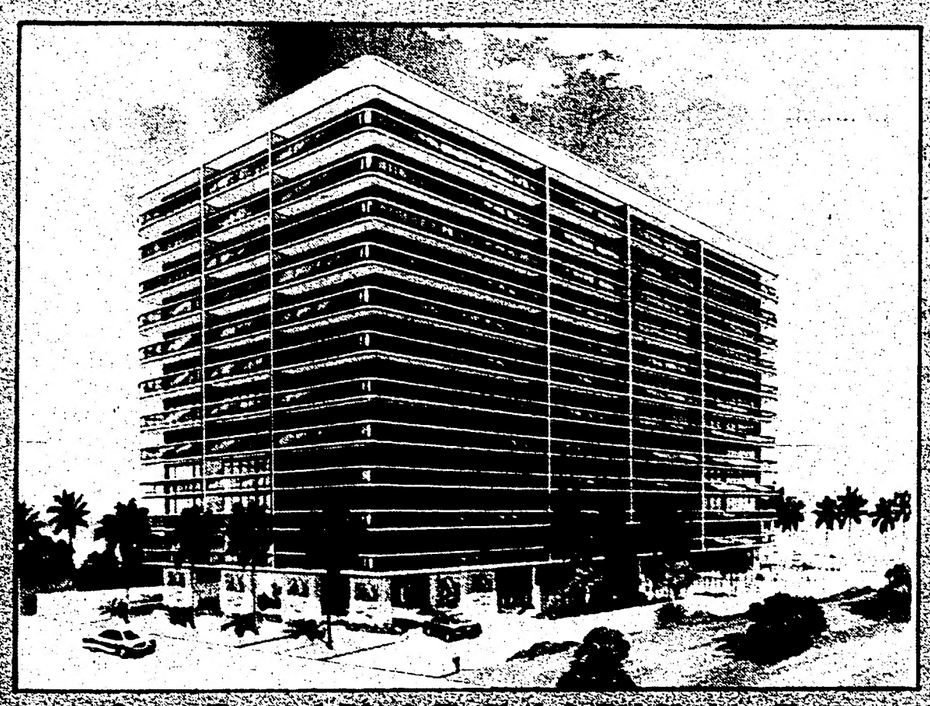

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Senate candidate sees Mideast peace process as concession to Arabs

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The peace talks are an exercise designed to "twist Israel's arm" and Israel will be expected to give up land in return for meaningless words.

This is the view of Alan Lee Keys, a black who is a Republican candidate for the United States Senate, who is very critical of the policies of President George Bush on the Middle East.

"There is a lot of talk about land and very little about peace," he said.

Expressing pessimism about the effect of the peace process on Israel, Keys said he did not understand why the United States feels there is such "urgency" to keeping the talks going at a rapid pace.

"The existence of this so-called peace process is a concession to the Arab states," he told a meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue sponsored by New Leadership, Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Keys is president of Citizens Against Government Waste and a former assistant secretary of state for the U.S. government.

He said he is mystified by the determination of the U. S. government to barrel ahead with the peace process when "in all my 41 years I have never known a time when the possibility of war in the Middle East is so remote."

This is so, he said, because the Gulf War has changed the balance of power completely.

The policies of the U.S. state department are so bankrupt that, by the way they set up the peace talks, they succeeded in rehabilitating the Palestine Liberation Organization, he said.

Despite the odds against it in the peace talks, Keys predicted that Israel will give in and eventually attend the continuation of the talks.

Keys raised the possibility that the peace talks are a cover for the release of American hostages. "I hope they didn't do it for this purpose because if they did, then you and I and everyone in this room are under threat of being hostages."

He said it is possible that the United States is putting such a bright spotlight on Israel to divert attention from its failures on the domestic economic front.

The U.S. Senate candidate said he was not impressed with President Bush's New Order. "There is too much order and not enough freedom in it," he said.

Soviet physician charges cover up in drug case

TORONTO —
A 32-year-old Soviet Jewish physician charged with murdering a drug addict three years ago claims he is being made a scapegoat by government officials intent on covering up their own involvement in illegal drug traffic.

Dr. Gennady Weinstein of Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, now an independent republic, says he is not being allowed to visit his recently bereaved father in Israel. His mother, Lilya Weinstein, died in hospital in Beersheva last August.

Uzbekistan is known as the headquarters of drug traffic in the Soviet Union and there is no doubt that government officials needed a scapegoat, according to Genya Intrator, a local Soviet Jewry activist.

The Soviet Jewry committee of Beth Tzedec Synagogue is trying to draw public attention to the miscarriage of justice they believe has occurred in the Weinstein case.

The Jewish doctor, a neurologist, has told the local group that he has already been subject to two trials and three investigations, but in each case he has been released. However, he is not allowed to leave Tashkent. He was refused permission to attend his mother's funeral in Israel.

At one point, Weinstein said, investigators threatened to arrest his aged parents as accomplices.

"As is the custom of Soviet investigators, he was placed in a cell with repeat murderers who beat him up mercilessly," Intrator said.

"People I call in Russia tell me that Uzbekistan has the largest Jewish population of all the Central Asian republics of the U.S.S.R," she said. "It is a focus of national conflicts; some of them economically or religiously based; the warring groups are Uzbeks, Tadzhiks, Turks, Koreans, Russians, Jews and Armenians."

Weinstein, who describes himself as a religious Jew, wants to live in Israel with his father and say kaddish for his mother there.

— B.R.

KEEP ON SMILING

Visitors continue to flow to Israel in great numbers. Pictured at Toronto's Pearson International Airport is a smiling Shalom Even of Shalom K Tours (right), "owner" of 60 percent of El Al seats from Canada to Israel. Beside him is Ken Smith, leader of the Boudary Pentecostal Church in Vancouver, Dorothy Zeifman, co-president of Emunah Women in Canada (far left) is standing beside the new El Al station manager at Pearson, Joe Schmidt.

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Hosting the concluding event in a series of **Major Gift Division** functions in November, were, from left to right, **Bernie Ghert**, the division's co-chairman and President of Stelworth Investments, **Lloyd Fogler**, Senior Partner of Fogler, Rubinoff, and **Doug Bassett**, President and CEO of Baton Broadcasting.

All events had an outstanding attendance, providing a major vehicle to bring together UJA/Operation Exodus supporters for a significant educational and motivational experience.

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Jeff Levy and **Loretta Levinson** are seen at a **Marketing Division** screening of the critically acclaimed movie "Sam & Me" at the Film House, graciously made available by **Cyril Drabinsky**. The place was packed with seasoned volunteers and many new faces. Co-chairing the division with Loretta is **David Engel**, and active on the committee are **Debra Spears, Vanessa Stanley, Shawna Morris. Lisa Kaplan, Michael Konikoff, Lori Lerner, Ellen Lupu, Janice Mandel, Susan Risenman** and **Barnaby Kalan**. The event was co-sponsored by the **Hi-Tech Division**, co-chaired by **Linda Fiszer** and **Art Benjamin**.

FASHION DIVISION

Stefanie Hill is co-chairman of the **Fashion Division** together with **Harold Shapiro**. The division has reason to celebrate, running at an all-time high of 50% increase over last year. Those in charge have done a great job in developing the team. Special thanks to **Murray Rich** and **Collin Lewis** for their on-going commitment and **Steve Hershenhorn & Michael Berg**, co-chairs of the **Women's Wear Committee**.

JEWELLERS DIVISION

The **Jewellers Division** has been running at a steady 20% card for card increase. Co-chairmen **Bonnie** and **Gary Grundman** are a devoted and dynamic team who have consistently shown their support throughout the campaign. They've been especially helpful in developing the area of fashion accessories within the industry ...

MAINTAIN THAT INCREASE!

The 1992 UJA/Operation Exodus Campaign, chaired by Paul Morton and Judy Scheininger, is showing an overall increase to date of 25%. Considering the difficult economic situation, this increase can be justly described as phenomenal! The task now is to maintain this percentage increase, as the Campaign moves into its final stage ... More than ⅔ of UJA contributors have already made their pledge, but there are still thousands of cards which have not been covered. Therefore ... Canvassers: Please complete ASAP the cards you still have ... Contributors: Please consider the urgent needs, in Israel and in our community, and respond in the most generous and understanding way possible.

TELETHON ACTION

Keeping a high profile in this campaign is **Frank Simkevitz**, who was in charge of three recent Sunday telethons, Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. There is a strong team spirit in the 4th floor telethon room at the Lipa Green Building, known to so many UJA volunteers ... Some wonderful responses are obtained on the phone, and that's the best motivation in the world. Frank, whose own specialization is communications, believes in the value of training.

LAWYERS DIVISION

The Lawyers Division recently held a telethon at the offices of Goodman and Carr. The idea was to gather canvassers for an after-work, downtown telethon. Participants included **Earl Altman, Steve Biro, Robert Cohen, Sheldon Disenhouse, Edwin Durbin, Lorri Kushnir, Ariella Rohringer, Donna Shier**, and **Rick Sutin**. With over 50 pledges obtained and an increase of 64%, everyone was happy ...

AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR

Obituary

Dr. Tovi Comet-Walerstein

By
ARNOLD AGES

That rare eloquence is gone: it has departed along with the beauty, charm, learning, virtue and splendor that was Dr. Tovi Cheryl Comet-Walerstein.

She died in Houston, Tex. on Nov. 23 at age 38 and was buried in Israel at the Har Menuchot cemetery overlooking the entrance to Jerusalem. When she passed away, Comet-Walerstein took with her a keen, analytical mind, an indomitable spirit and the belief that even the most bitter of life's travails can be invested with spiritual meaning.

Those who heard her speak on Sept. 4 of this year at the Bar-Ilan University investiture, when she received a doctor of science degree, honoris causa, will retain for years to come the electrifying effect of her speech.

During that address at the Inn On The Park, before a crowd of almost a thousand people, she spoke movingly about her own predicament, that of a physician afflicted with cancer, a disease that she had been fighting relentlessly since she was first diagnosed at age 28.

Comet-Walerstein's message that evening, couched in the garments of Torah and in the language of traditional Jewish learning and piety, was that the afflicted had the obligation to help others.

While the message was sober, she communicated it without solemnity. In fact, she even deployed a sense of humor. She described how once while she was a patient in a cancer ward, a patient in another ward suffered a heart attack. True to her Maimonidean commitment to assist the suffering, she jumped out of her bed and rushed to assist the victim.

When she returned, one of the other patients in the cancer ward, unaware of Tovi's medical degree, expressed amazement at her response and asked whether everyone in the ward was expected to rush to assist heart attack victims in the hospital when such an event occurred.

Another patient reported that she had seen a fellow patient masquerading as a doctor and expressed fear that the individual in question might attack her in the middle of the night and start pounding on her chest!

Comet-Walerstein was the very personification of altruism. When she was stricken with cancer, she resolved that she would use her medical expertise to help and inspire others.

Central to her response to her own illness was the belief than patients have to fight back and retain control of their own lives. To this end she established a hotline in her home in order to provide information and advice on the latest medical treatments. She was constantly responding to requests for information about doctors, clinics and therapies which might prove useful in the fight against the disease.

Her philosophy of life was grounded in Jewish tradition and she believed that there was something positive in all experiences. "If we cannot find something positive," she used to say, "then we ourselves should create it." This was a remarkable attitude for one who had spent nine years of her life battling cancer with radiotherapy, hormones, chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants.

Dr. Tovi Comet-Walerstein

That attitude towards life and illness came, in part, from Comet-Walerstein's upbringing and education. Her parents, Israel and Naomi Blair Comet of Jerusalem, were highly active in various Jewish organizations in Cleveland, Ohio and they raised Tovi and three other children in an atmosphere of respect for Judaism and secular learning.

Comet-Walerstein represented an exquisite fusion of those two principles. An accomplished Hebraist by the time she left the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, she went to pursue undergraduate studies in chemistry at Case Western Reserve University. She obtained her degree in two years with the distinction of magna cum laude.

At the age of 22 she received her medical degree with honors in surgery from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. Her internship was at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital.

The first Canadian connection in her life occurred when she decided to complete her surgical residency at McMaster University Medical Centre in Hamilton, Ont. The second connection was established through her marriage to David Walerstein, a Toronto barrister and solicitor.

During the years of her illness, Comet-Walerstein never wavered in her faith in the divine and in her conviction that the mitzvah of helping others was a supreme desideratum in life.

She delivered these messages in an active career as a lecturer on topics such as Ethical Problems in Judaism and Medicine, Biblical Women and Equal Rights, and The Concept of Charity in Jewish Law. Fluent in Hebrew and conversant with the classical Jewish sources, Comet-Walerstein transformed her speeches and talks into living lessons.

It was natural, given her dedication to Torah and learning, that Comet-Walerstein became close to Israel's Bar Ilan University and vigorously supported that institution's emphasis on the need to fuse the best in religious learning with the best in secular studies.

She spoke passionately about this as the keynote speaker at a dinner sponsored by Bar Ilan several years ago when the university conferred an honorary doctorate on Mrs. Arnold Finkler. Comet-Walerstein stressed then, as she did thereafter, the supremacy of the spiritual things in life. Hers, however, was a Jewish spirituality which dictated not an abdication from the challenges of life but a constant encounter with them.

Comet-Walerstein was truly moved earlier this year when the Bar Ilan University informed her that in addition to conferring an honorary doctorate on her, it was also establishing the Dr. Tovi Comet-Walerstein Chair in Cancer Research at the university in Ramat Gan. It was noteworthy that in accepting both of these honors, Comet-Walerstein saw them as opportunities for research that "would benefit all of humanity."

It has been said that in order to form sensitive, informed Jews, good text books are needed. Even more important, however, is the need for good text-people — models we can emulate. Comet-Walerstein was such a person and her like will not come by this way again.

Rabbi Louis Finkelstein

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Funeral services were held recently at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, the institution's chancellor emeritus, who died Nov. 29 after a long bout with Parkinson's disease. He was 96.

Rabbi Finkelstein, who transformed the seminary from a rabbinical school to a prestigious institute of higher Jewish learning, had an impact that also reached to secular society.

Among those he brought to the institute of Conservative Judaism was Chief Justice Earl Warren, who spent a Sabbath studying Torah at the seminary.

So extensive was Rabbi Finkelstein's influence that in October 1951, he was the subject of a *Time* magazine cover story and on Jan. 20, 1957, he was invited to give a blessing at the second inauguration of President Dwight Eisenhower.

Rabbi Finkelstein, who was also the seminary's Solomon Schechter professor of theology, had a long and distinguished career. He created the seminary's Cantor's Institute, the Seminary College of Jewish Music and a West Coast branch that became the University of Judaism.

He also founded, in 1938, the seminary's Institute for Religious and Social Studies, which in 1986 was renamed the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies.

In 1939, he created the Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion.

The son of Simon Finkelstein, an Orthodox rabbi, and Hannah Brager Finkelstein, he was born in Cincinnati on June 14, 1895. When he was 7, his father assumed a new pulpit in Brooklyn's Brownsville section, and the family moved to New York.

Rabbi Louis Finkelstein

A 1915 graduate of the City College of New York, Finkelstein received his doctorate from Columbia University in 1918 and was ordained by the seminary in 1919. He was rabbi of Congregation Kehillath Israel in the Bronx from 1919 until 1931.

In 1937, he was named the seminary's provost. In 1940, he became its president, succeeding Dr. Cyrus Adler.

In 1951, when the post of president was abolished, he became the seminary's first chancellor, which he remained until he retired in 1972.

Finkelstein was a pioneer in interfaith outreach. Under his leadership, the Institute for Religious and Social Studies brought together Catholic, Protestant and Jewish scholars to discuss theological issues.

"He made the ecumenical world aware of the centrality of the Judeo-Christian heritage," said Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the seminary's current chancellor.

Finkelstein also authored numerous books. In addition to a four-volume work on the commentary on Leviticus, known as the Sifra, he wrote several books on the Pharisees, including the seminal volume, *The Pharisees: The Sociological Background of Their Faith*, which was written in 1938 and revised in 1963.

He "rehabilitated the Pharisees for Christian America," said Schorsch.

Among Finkelstein's other volumes were a biography of talmudic sage Rabbi Akiva, which he wrote in 1936 and revised in 1990; a book about the Egyptian-born Palestinian scholar Saadia Gaon; and a work on Jewish self-government in the Middle Ages.

His books have appeared in many languages and have been published in braille.

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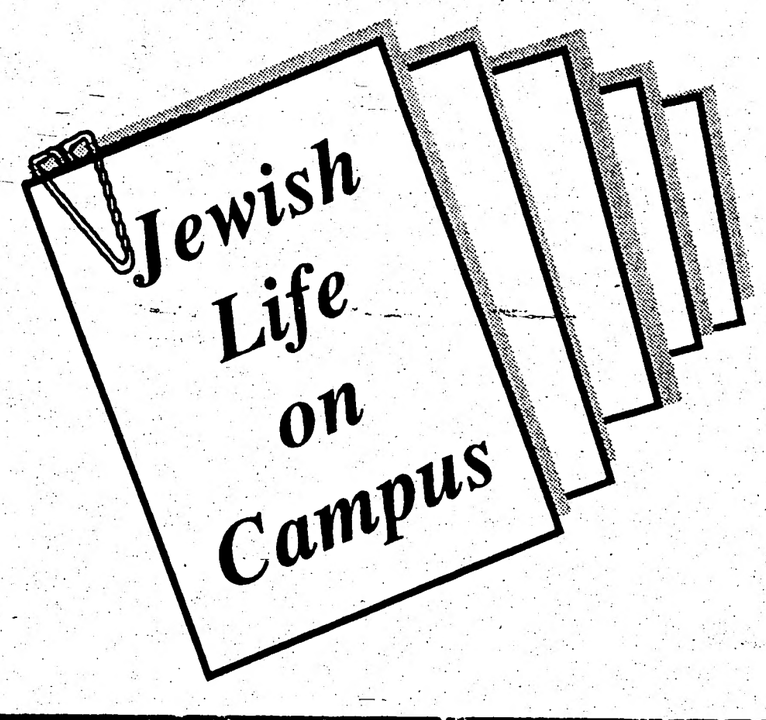
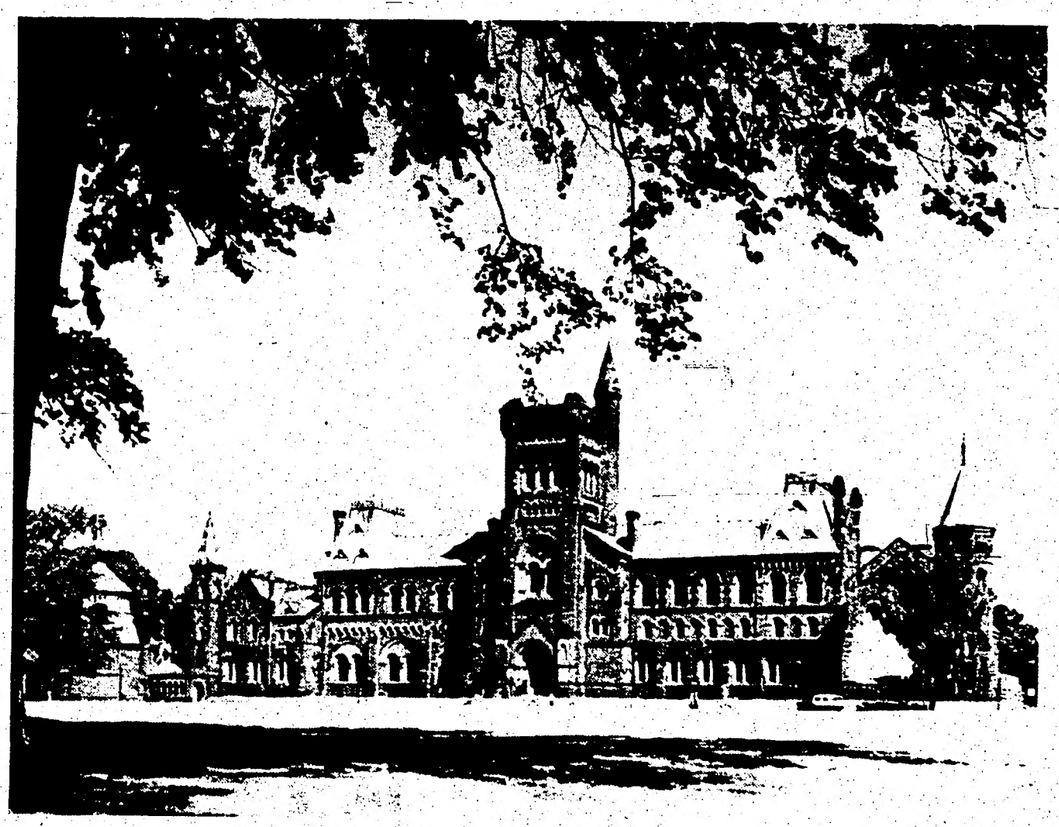


In our continuing series featuring Jewish life on university campuses across Canada, The CJN this week looks at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. Frances Kraft reports.



University College, University of Toronto. [Photo courtesy of University of Toronto Department of Public Affairs]

JSU keeps its house for all Jewish students

TORONTO —

The year 1991 has been "one of the biggest transition years" for the Jewish Students' Union (JSU) at the University of Toronto, says Sara Urowitz, president of its student executive.

The most recent change is the appointment of Rabbi Michael Skobac as director of the JSU. A selection committee which included Urowitz chose Rabbi Skobac to replace the former director, Rabbi Moishe Silverman, who left at the end of the summer.

In the intervening months Paul Goldbach, a recent U of T pharmacology graduate and former JSU president, served as acting director.

"We're doing okay," Goldbach told *The CJN* during an interview held in late October at the JSU house, located on the western edge of U of T's downtown campus. He gave much of the credit to the student executive, the JSU's "key to success. I carry out their wishes and keep the building and the programs running," said Goldbach.

The building, known for years as Hillel House, is usually referred to now as just "the house," since JSU programming is no longer funded by B'nai Brith Canada. (The Jewish Federation of Toronto has taken over the majority of JSU's funding.)

B'nai Brith Canada still owns the house, which the students have used since 1980. A previous Hillel House, on St. George Street, was destroyed in a 1978 fire. There were rumors that B'nai Brith would sell the house, but a resolution passed at the organization's most recent annual meeting has ensured that the JSU students have a place to call home, at least for this year. "We are hopeful that . . . we'll be able to work things out for the benefit of the students," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada.

The house is an asset for the JSU, with a kosher cafeteria and big-screen TV downstairs and a chapel/meeting room and a library upstairs — a comfortable place for students to gather.

Unfortunately, the house may have been the source of a misperception that Urowitz is working actively to change: "In the past [JSU has] been perceived as being only for the Orthodox students," Urowitz said. "The house attracts an Orthodox crowd — there's a place for tefillah (prayer); there's kosher food. [But] we are a home for all Jewish students on campus." Urowitz herself is a member of a Conservative synagogue.

"Our mandate is to represent all Jews on campus. We are reaching out and trying to appeal to a more diverse group of Jewish students," she said. One of the reasons Rabbi Skobac was hired was his specific experience with outreach, according to Urowitz.

Urowitz and her executive are working on more diverse programming. Sexuality and Judaism, with a focus on homosexuality and Judaism, is a program they are considering running. In addition to classes taught by an Orthodox rabbi, weekly Kolel classes taught by Reform rabbi Elyse Goldstein are also being held at the house.

It is estimated that there are 3,000 to 4,000 Jewish students at the University of Toronto, of which about 1,000 are on the JSU mailing list. Reaching out to the entire Jewish student population is difficult not only because of sheer numbers, but also because U of T is largely a commuter campus, said Goldbach.

One of the goals of JSU has been to provide an opportunity for Jewish students to explore their Jewish identity and learn about Judaism, said Goldbach.

In addition to the usual social events, some of which have been fundraisers, JSU programming has included weekly Torah classes, bi-monthly Shabbat dinners, and speakers on Israel, who often attract non-Jewish students as well as Jewish ones. Goldbach says it's important for the JSU to educate both Jews and non-Jews on campus about Jewish issues.

Arab students come to monitor and challenge JSU speakers, said Goldbach, but "U of T is a very conservative campus. They don't provoke."

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In addition to the JSU, there is also an organization for Jewish law students at U of T's faculty of law.

JSC maintains presence at Ryerson, Scarborough

TORONTO —

A few years ago a group of students from the University of Toronto's geographically-isolated Scarborough College, feeling alienated in the face of anti-Semitism, approached Toronto Jewish Congress (now the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) to ask for help in forming an organization that would unify the Jewish students and make them more visible on campus.

The result was the Jewish Students' Council (JSC), an umbrella group formed in 1988. The Jewish student groups at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (which started its Jewish student group in 1982 as part of Hillel) and Seneca College, as well as the University of Toronto's Scarborough College, fall under its aegis.

Each campus has a student executive which works closely with Mahra Dranov, their campus outreach co-ordinator, to decide on programming. Dranov's office is located at the northern branch of the JCC.

"We're very successful," Dranov told *The CJN*, citing a mailing list of 250 people.

She attributes the JSC's visibility to the frequency of their programs (such as speakers, Israel days and Jewish cultural displays) and to publicity for those programs.

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Earlier this year Ryerson JSC held a "piece for peace" celebration (as did Jewish student groups at other campuses), an idea that originated with the national Jewish Students' Network. They handed out pieces of cake to other students, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to celebrate the peace conference and "show Israel in a positive light," said Elizabeth Summerfield, a Ryerson student who is on the JSC student executive, headed by president Geoffrey Singer.

Ryerson has a "pretty independent" JSC, says Dranov, with a membership of about 150 students, probably no more than half the total Jewish student population.

"We've managed to build up a larger core group this year," said Singer. "We did a lot of recruiting. We had a table set up for a week or so."

Instilling a sense of Jewish identity in the students is one of the main goals of the JSC. "It's a problem everywhere," says Summerfield, " but I think we feel it even more because we're a smaller campus.

Elizabeth Summerfield

"It's easy to assimilate on any campus, but especially on a smaller campus," says Summerfield. And assimilation, she asserts, "has got to be the greatest threat to the future of Judaism.

"If you identify in any way, you're that much further from assimilation. You don't have to do everything, but you have to do something."

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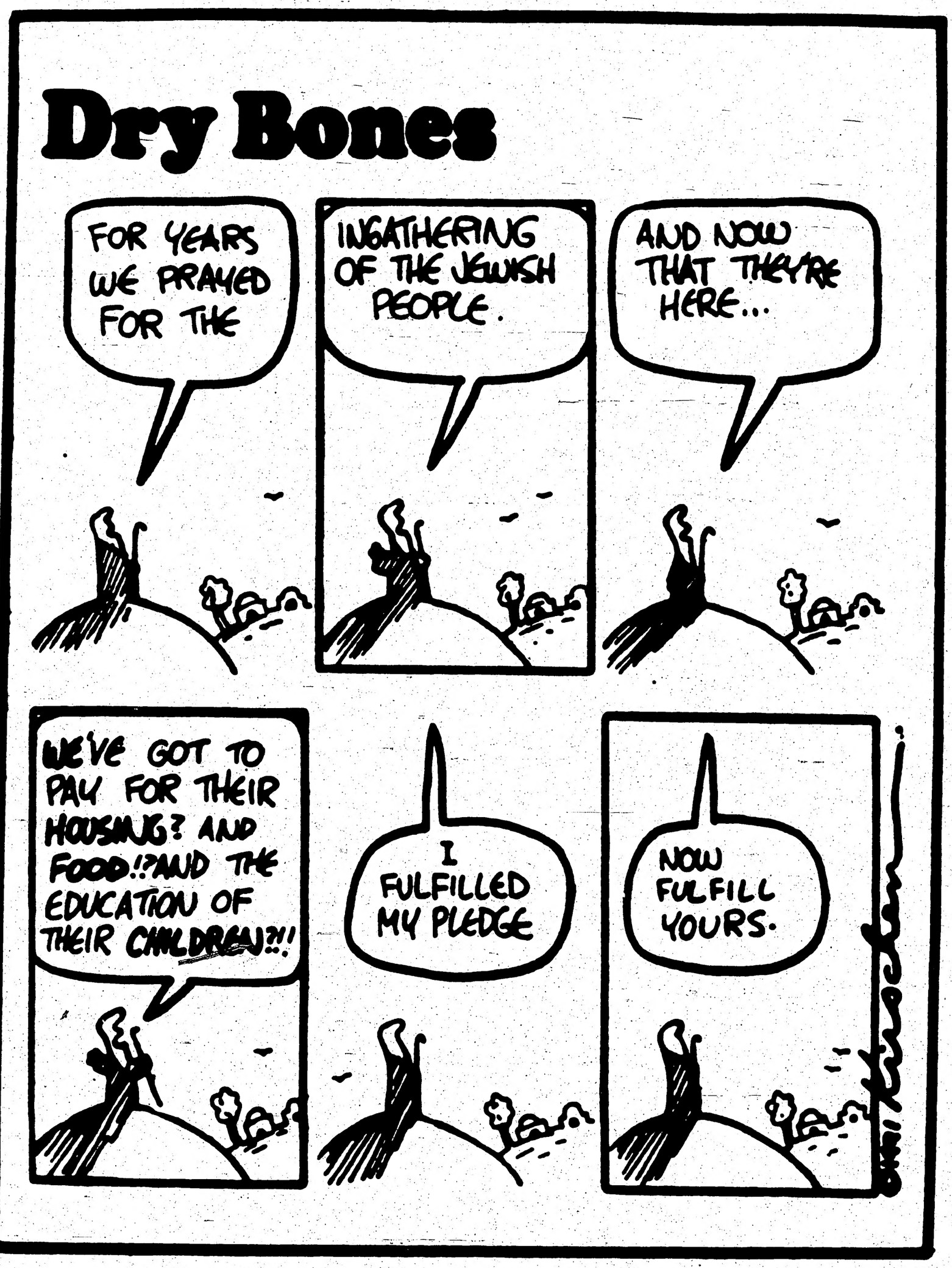
The Scarborough College JSC is smaller than Ryerson's, but it is an active group with at least two events per month, says Deanne Mann, president of its five-member student executive.

Programming includes dances, socials, dinners, parties and speakers. A highlight of last year was a talk by J.J. Steinfeld, a Prince Edward Island writer who specializes in fiction on the Holocaust. The JSC's Israel Day was also a success, with a good response from other [non-Jewish] student groups, Mann told *The CJN*. It featured food, displays, posters and a pianist playing Israeli music.

This year's events included an excursion to the Leah Posluns Theatre to see the play *Two*. A tobogganing event is now in the planning stages. "It should be a blast," says Mann.

Ryerson JSC executive members on the Network leadership training seminar in Israel May 28, 1991. From left Michael Goldberg, past president; Geoffrey Singer, president; and Elizabeth Summerfield, Network liason (in front).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The News In Brief

Maxwell firms to continue

JERUSALEM — Robert Maxwell's Israeli enterprise, including the *Ma'ariv* Hebrew newspaper, will continue to operate under their current management, the leader of the four-man team sent to Israel to checkout the late media magnate's businesses has announced.

The appointment of an administrator to manage the private holdings of the Maxwell family has increased speculation concerning the sale of the family's shares in *Ma'ariv*, Teva Pharmaceuticals and the Maxwell-Macmillan-Keter publishing house.

The business community is particularly anxious to know the future of *Ma'ariv*, Israel's second largest daily, following the *New York Daily News'* decision to file for bankruptcy last week. The Maxwells hold 75 percent of Modi'in Publishing House, which publishes *Ma'ariv*.

Alan Katz of Arthur Andersen and Co., which was appointed in the UK as temporary managers of Maxwell's business empire, is recommending that a buyer for *Ma'ariv* and Modi'in Publishing should be someone that can work within the current management structure and with the present editorial staff.

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Uri Gordon

Holland to expel Soviet Jews

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency has no intention of "chasing after Soviet Jews" facing expulsion from Holland to bring them to Israel, according to Uri Gordon head of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department.

The Netherlands decided to expel to Israel about 100 Soviet Jews, including between 30 and 40 who initially immigrated here, then left for Holland. Gordon explained the Dutch decision to expel as a result of the fear shared by western European nations of being overrun by immigrants.

"The Dutch are afraid that if they let in 100 immigrants, millions more will follow," Gordon said.

Officials at the Dutch Embassy in Tel Aviv refused to discuss the matter.

"Jews know that they have a place here," Gordon said. "We don't want to see Jewish refugee camps in Europe." He said that although the agency is willing to assist all Jews who want to come here, it will "not run after Jews" who left the country of their own accord and have since criticized Israel.

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Holocaust exhibit in China

NEW YORK — The Courage to Remember, an exhibit about the Holocaust prepared by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, opened in Shanghai on Dec. 3.

The Wiesenthal Centre has prepared a special 60-panel bilingual version of its Holocaust exhibit. It will be presented alongside a new photo exhibit on the history of Shanghai's Jews produced by the Chinese Institute.

"Having had no history of anti-Semitism, the Chinese have many questions about that which they consider so abstract," Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Centre, explained. "They don't understand why anti-Semitism is so prevalent in a place like Japan, where there are hardly any Jews."

With virtually no Jews in the People's Republic of China, "only by increasing their contacts with the broader Jewish world, especially Israel, will the Chinese become more educated about Jewish existence," Rabbi Cooper said.

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Hebrew U. to copy manuscripts

JERUSALEM — The Hebrew University's Jewish National and University Library gained access to a treasure trove of Hebrew manuscripts when it signed an agreement with the Lenin Library in Moscow, the national library of the Soviet Union.

The Jerusalem library will be permitted to microfilm the rare collection at the Lenin Library for the benefit of scholars in Israel and from abroad. The Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus, where the microfilm is housed, will become the only place outside the Soviet Union where it can be studied.

About 80 percent of the Lenin Library's Hebrew collection consists of manuscripts that date to before 1500 CE. Some are the only copies extant.

The library contains manuscripts stolen by the Nazis from Jewish libraries in Europe, including the library of the rabbinical seminary in Breslau and the Jewish community libraries of Berlin and Vienna.

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Anti-Semitism condemned

ROME — The assembled Catholic bishops of Europe heard a ringing condemnation of the persecution of Jews by Christians at the opening of a special two-week synod convened at the Vatican on Nov. 28.

The speaker, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, denounced anti-Semitism of which, he said, the Holocaust was the "terrible apex," a "gigantic crime" that contained the "perversion of European humanism" and the "denial of the brotherhood of man."

Ruini, a key official at the synod, extolled Jewish culture as "a constituent element in the development of European civilization."

The synod was called to assess the state of religion and its future in post-Communist Europe. Jews were troubled by its stress on the "evangelization of Europe," meaning an outreach to bring Christianity throughout the continent.

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Latvian airline to carry Olim

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency has signed an agreement with the Latvian airline Latpas to carry immigrants from the Baltic states directly to Israel.

Latpas has been running charter flights from Riga to Tel Aviv since March but was limited to regular passengers. From now on, it will reserve seats for immigrants booked by the Jewish Agency.

Olim from the newly independent Baltic republics have been traveling to Israel via Warsaw. Latpas will serve a Jewish population of about 38,000 — 25,000 in Latvia and the rest in Lithuania and Estonia.

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Muslim paper stops anti-Jewish cartoons

SYDNEY, Australia — The editor of Australia's major English-language Muslim newspaper has agreed to stop printing cartoons that depict Jews negatively.

Dr. Qazi Ashfaq Admad, editor in chief of the *Australian Muslim Times* and a man known for fostering interfaith dialogue between Muslims and Jews, said in response to protests, "It has never been the intention to place cartoons in the *Australian Muslim Times* that hurt the feelings of the members of the Jewish community.

Cartoons that appeared in three successive issues of the paper depicted figures with either hooked noses or large bellies and bulbous facial features. Jewish protesters said the caricatures "would not have been out of place in Nazi Germany."

Ahmed denied his paper, which serves Australia's 130,000 Muslims, had done anything other than attack Zionism. The cartoons, he said, "relate to Zionism and the political situation in the Middle East."

Despite Ahmad's quarrel with Zionism, he spoke earlier this year, during an appearance at the Jewish Free University, in favor of close co-operation between Muslims and Jews.

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Jews lobby for Haitians

WASHINGTON — Recalling the plight of Jews fleeing the Holocaust who were sent back to Europe after setting sail for countries of refuge, American Jewish groups have become involved in the effort to prod the White House to save the Haitian boat refugees.

Secular and religious groups expressed support this week for a bill asking Congress to compel President Bush to grant asylum to the boat people, who have been fleeing violence that erupted in Haiti following a military coup there Sept. 30.

The Bush administration made a highly unpopular decision last week to repatriate, against their will, the boatloads of Haitian refugees who have tried to find safe haven in Miami.

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We extend our condolences and profound sympathy to his widow, Fruma Jacober, to his daughter Betty and son-in-law Dr. Arthur Kruger, and grandchildren Sarah, Penina, Naomi and Yaakov. May they find consolation and succour in the memory of the great accomplishments of their illustrious husband, father and grandfather.

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Congress calls on MPP Sola for retraction

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Ontario MPP John Sola has declined to retract remarks he made in a television documentary in which he said he would be unable "to live next door to a Serb."

In a letter to Sola, Canadian Jewish Congress representatives David Satok and Louis Lenkinski had asked "that in deference to the office that you hold, and in the best interests of your own community and of all of us as Canadians, you retract these very regrettable remarks."

In a news release, the Canadian Serbian Council said it was "both saddened and outraged by [Sola's] anti-Serbian comments" and it called on him to resign his seat as Liberal MPP for Mississauga East.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Sola said he would neither resign nor retract his remarks. He said his comment must be seen in the light of the two one-and-a-half hour interviews he gave CBC's *the 5th estate*.

He said he made the remark in the context of commenting on the Yugoslav civil war and that "I would question whether I could live beside someone who would support the notion that for that (Serb) community to feel secure, they would have to eliminate the other (Croat) community.

"For me, that is a racist philosophy," Sola said, adding that as a parliamentarian, he is "careful not to smear an ethnic community."

He said that most of the interviews he gave the CBC focused on the question of Canadians of Croat descent purchasing illegal arms for Croatia. Sola said he has never hidden his Croat background and that he has "never had antipathy to Serbs."

UIA young leadership to visit Israel

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Plans are already well underway for the next international young leadership mission to Israel, under the auspices of Keren Hayesod (United Israel Appeal).

Over 500 Jews between the ages of 20 and 45 are expected to take part in the tour of Budapest and Israel Aug. 10-20, said KH's director of young leadership worldwide, Joe Dushansky.

Dushansky recently completed a Canadian tour, which took him to Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, to promote the mission.

He said the mission is unique in that no other trip to Israel involves so many younger people from so many countries. He is projecting participation of Jews from 26 countries on five continents. Although the United States is outside the jurisdiction of UIA, Dushansky said 10 Americans will join the mission this time.

It is hoped some young Soviet Jews still living in the Soviet Union will also take part in the mission..

Yachdav missions have been organized since the 1970s; on the last one in 1988, there were 350 participants.

Canadian participants will be required to make a minimum contribution to their local UIA campaign, to be determined by each community. UIA of Canada and most of the local federations will subsidize the trip for Canadians, but to what extent is not yet known. Although the actual cost to participants is unknown, it will be "affordable."

Montreal sent 52 participants, the largest contingent from any community in the world, on the last mission, said Allied Jewish Community Services Young Adult Division director Cathy Simons.

The Yachdav missions have been a successful means of recruiting new leaders for the Jewish community, Dushansky said. Participants do not necessarily have to be active in the campaign.

"This mission is especially recommended for those looking for their first taste of Israel and Zionism," said Dushansky, 46, a South African native who made aliyah in 1965.

This mission will focus on Soviet and other recent immigration to Israel. The first two days will be spent in Budapest, a major transit point for Soviet Jews on their way to Israel.

The entire Hungarian program will be spent meeting the Soviet arrivals, and the mission will actually be on the same flights to Israel with the olim.

"The point is to touch and feel this immigration," said Dushansky, a former advertising man in Israel. "They must understand we are literally saving an entire people."

Details of the Israel portion of the mission are not finalized, but it is intended that participants will receive a thorough introduction to many aspects of Israeli society: the economy, politics, military, industry, education, even entertainment, again with an eye to the impact of immigration.

Being the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, attention will be paid to the history of the Sephardim. Former president Yitzhak Navon will be among the speakers and singer Yoram Gaon will perform for the group.

Another guest artist will be American-born Danny Sanderson, now a top rock star in Israel.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

HERZLICH — LIEBERMAN

I recently met the daughter of the late Carl Herlick, one of the Jewish pioneers in the legal profession in Toronto. He changed his name from Herzlich, which is derived from the German word HERZ (heart).

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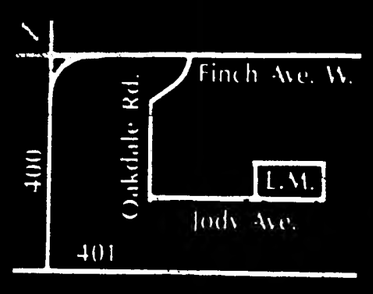

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Moshe Gur

Moshe Gur, director-general of Keren Hayesod, visited Toronto and Montreal recently as part of a six-day North American trip. The first sabra to be named to the post, Gur started his association with Keren Hayesod as a shaliach in London, England 15 years ago. He has held a variety of senior positions in the fundraising organization, among them as head of the department of English-speaking countries, the operations department and special projects. While in Toronto he spoke with the CJN's Paul Lungen.

CJN: *There are so many organizations involved in raising funds and settling olim that people get confused about their functions. Can you tell us how Keren Hayesod fits in with United Israel Appeal (UIA), the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) as well as with the work of the ministeries of the Israeli government?*

Gur: Keren Hayesod is one of the two fundraising arms of the Jewish Agency and therefore, of the state and people of Israel. The other fundraising arm is the United Jewish Appeal [of the United States].

Keren Hayesod operates all over the world, including Canada. It doesn't operate in the United States. The money [raised in Canada in annual campaigns] goes through the UIA [conduit] and is included in the income which Keren Hayesod receives from around the world.

That money [and the funds raised by the] UJA in America goes to cover the budget of the Jewish Agency. The Jewish Agency works under covenant with the Israeli government, which identifies the agency's activities and responsibilities.

Keren Hayesod operates under Israeli law, enacted in 1956, under which our organization is responsible for raising money to bring Jews to Israel for settlement.

Approximately 30 per cent of our cash comes from Canada, mainly from the two major campaigns in Toronto and Montreal.

Canadian Jews and other Jews from around the world, including American Jews, sit on the decision-making bodies of the Jewish Agency.

CJN: *In terms of the money spent in Israel, does it overlap with the work of the JNF?*

Gur: It's completely different. Our money goes only to bring Jews to Israel. All the money to bring them over — the air ticket, transportation, shipment of luggage, the medical services they get on the way, security — all the services provided these people from the moment they decide to make aliyah to Israel to the moment they land is money we have collected through Keren Hayesod that is transferred to the Jewish Agency, which is responsible for those operations.

CJN: *And after they get to Israel?*

Gur: We participate in the absorption of those people in the initial stages, which means normally up to a year. Today, most olim go through direct absorption.

We participate in the "basket of absorption." The government of Israel gives an allowance of $8,500 U.S. to a family of three that comes from Russia and goes through direct absorption.

CJN: *Is the absorption basket considered a gift or a loan?*

Gur: The money they get from the government is a grant. The money they get from the Jewish Agency is a loan that they have to pay back in 10 years.

CJN: *Are there any lessons learned from the successful Canadian campaigns that can be applied to campaigns around the world?*

Gur: Yes. I think the campaigns in Canada, especially in Toronto and Monreal, are model campaigns. We adopt a lot of your techniques and adjust them to other Keren Hayesod campaigns.

CJN: *Can you cite one or two examples of lessons that have been applied elsewhere?*

Gur: For instance, computers are widely used in Canadian campaigns.

Last year, at the annual conference of Keren Hayesod's top leadership, the program included use of the computer in the service of the campaign. This subject was introduced by the director of the campaign in Toronto.

I intend at this year's conference to elaborate on this, to bring Canadian computer experts to the conference to hold an in-depth workshop that will help other campaigns learn how to best use the computer.

Another Canadian innovation is a strategy for approaching and recruiting new gift [donors]. This is a program we will study to see if we can apply it to other places.

CJN: *What percentage of the money raised goes to administrative costs?*

Gur: I would say that from 85 to 90 per cent of the money we collect goes to direct activities and the rest to administration costs.

CJN: *What are your forecasts for the number of olim in 1992?*

Gur: Our 1992 budget is based on a forecast of 170,000 Jews from Russia and 15,000 from other countries, such as Ethiopia, from the West and from Latin America. Recently, we have also received Jews from Yugoslavia.

CJN: *What is the situation of Ethiopian Jews?*

Gur: At last count, approximately 4,000 Jews are left in Ethiopia. We believe that in half a year, all of them will be in Israel. There is an agreement with Ethiopia and we receive approximately 150 Jews from there each week.

CJN: *Lately we've received reports here about Soviet olim being under-employed or unemployed and that some are asking to leave the country. In your view is enough being done to keep them in the country?*

Gur: I think we should do more in this area. That doesn't mean we're not doing anything, but I think more should be done to create jobs for these people.

I think it's important to know that the government of Israel is very sincere about absorbing these people. It's the first time in our history that we've allotted to absorption the same amount, if not more, as to security. Sixteen per cent of the Israeli national budget goes to absorption and the bulk of it goes primarily to create jobs and housing.

Israeli pays for 85 per cent of absorption costs, and the rest comes from world Jewry.

CJN: *Are the Soviet and Ethiopian olim being treated the same in terms of job opportunities and housing?*

Gur: The Russian Jews are going through direct absorption. The Ethiopian Jews are still going through absorption facilities. But there is a decision that the people going through absorption centres will not stay there more than a year, that they'll move to permanent housing.

[Both groups receive] equal treatment. You have different problems with the Russians and the Ethiopians but basically [they receive the same] treatment and attention.

CJN: *What is the difference between direct absorption and other absorption?*

Gur: Under direct absorption, when an oleh chadash (new immigrant) comes to the airport, he goes from there to an apartment without staying at an absorption facility. That means he rents an apartment, goes from there to an ulpan (language instruction) and to [other activities].

There are still about 15 per cent of the olim, mainly Ethiopians, who go through absorption centres for six months to a year. In those absorption facilities, they get all the services they need including ulpanim, housing and accommodation.

CJN: *Do the disagreements over housing and settling olim between Israeli politicians like Housing Minister Sharon, Absorption Minister Peretz and Finance Minister Moda'i make your jobs harder?*

Gur: Those are politicians who argue among themselves, but when it comes to make decisions on how to handle the absorption of aliyah, they [eventually] come to an agreement. Obviously it would be much easier to be without those discussions but this is part of political life in Israel and we have to live with it.

CJN: *Mr. Sharon is putting settlements in the territories. Does that make it more difficult to find the resources to absorb Jews within Israel proper?*

Gur: First of all, the amount of Jews living in the territories is marginal. Less than one per cent of the Jews who arrive in Israel go to live in the territories.

Second, the money we collect from world Jewry goes only to the pre-1967 Green Lines (Israel's borders before the 1967 war), not to the territories.

If all the money would be kept within the Green Line, it would be better. But it's politics, [the government's] decision. I don't think the amount going there is such a meaningful amount that it really disrupts the absorption of people within the Green Lines. But it would have been better if all the money would be spent in the pre-1967 lines.

CJN: *Are new olim influenced to any extent to adopt an Orthodox view of religion or of the state?*

Gur: I don't think there is any religious influence on olim. We're not faced with this because of the direct absorption system. People are free to choose where to go. It's not as though they are sent to institutions or absorption facilities, other than the 15 per cent of mostly Ethiopian Jews. So when people disperse in Israel they meet different people. Israel is a very heterogeneous society and this kind of influence doesn't really exist.

CJN: *What would you like to see done to make the absorption and integration of olim run better?*

Gur: I would like to see more activity in the area of creating jobs, because I think that we can keep the olim in Israel with jobs. I think that world Jewry can help a lot, not only through fundraising campaigns, but through business investment.

It would help if we could get more Jews to invest in Israel, create jobs and create better trade between Israel and other countries.

I think Israel is going to benefit a lot from this Russian and Ethiopian aliyah, which is going to change Israel completely in a few years time, if we do things properly. In addition to finding employment for olim, their rapid absorption and integration into Israeli society is also important. And in this area, the Israeli population in general is very willing to co-operate. There are many volunteering on a one-to-one basis and in groups, which are trying to help the olim.

I think at the end of the day, it will be good for Israel and it will make us stronger.

CJN: *What are the prospects of creating new jobs in Israel? Are people investing in the country?*

Gur: It's happening [through] investment in new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses. The government is going to help industries absorb people by paying the salaries of olim for a limited time. The hope is that eventually, if they start working, it may stimulate economic growth and thereafter those businesses will keep people in their industries.

There is a lot being done. . . in factories that are trying to help in this area. But there are masses of people and it will take time.

At the same time, you may have an oleh coming to Israel who is sometimes impatient to wait a long time. You have to try to narrow this time frame as much as possible.

CJN: *Ten billion dollars in U.S. loan guarantees are being withheld from the Israeli government due to political considerations. How important would that money be in absorption?*

Gur: Those funds would enable us to create jobs faster. So they're very important.

But it hasn't had a direct impact on the fundraising efforts except that we can now go to our people and ask for greater cash advances and increases in the level of giving. So in that sense, maybe it helps us a little bit.

From the point of view of Israel, it's better to have it earlier than later. But a delay of a few months is not so significant.

Baker unsure over arms deal

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Secretary of State James Baker said Sunday that it is possible that the Reagan administration allowed Israel to sell billions of dollars worth of U.S.-made arms to Iran in 1981 when such sales were officially banned.

Appearing on the CBS-TV news program *Face the Nation*, Baker was commenting on a front-page story to that effect published Sunday in *The New York Times*.

"I don't know if it is not true. I don't know if it is true," Baker said, when asked about the report. Baker, who was Ronald Reagan's White House chief of staff at the time, said the arms transfers "could have happened" without his knowledge.

While insisting that he does not "have any recollection" of the transfers, Baker suggested more than once during the program that the arms sales could have been "a favor to Israel" to help "Israel earn some money."

"We do cooperate with Israel on matters such as this," he explained.

The *Times* report, quoting senior Reagan administration officials, as well as Israeli officials, said the arms flow began after the Iranians released American hostages seized at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran in 1979.

The hostages were freed on Jan. 20 1981, the day Reagan was sworn into office.

Iran, locked in war with Iraq at the time, was desperately in need of weapons and spare parts for the U.S.-made military equipment it acquired during the reign of the Shah.

According to the *Times* report, the United States specifically authorized the Israeli sales for between six and 18 months.

"But the United States watched them continue after that, even as the Reagan administration aggressively promoted a public campaign, known as Operation Staunch, to stop worldwide transfers of military goods to Iran," said the *Times* story, which was written by Seymour Hersh.

Baker told *Face the Nation* that "the secretary of state is the person who is empowered to approve the export of technology."

At the time of the alleged Israeli arms sales to Iran, Alexander Haig was U.S. secretary of state. In 1981, Haig denied "categorically" that U.S. military equipment was provided to Iran.

But in a January 1991 PBS television interview, Haig acknowledged that Israel might have shipped some American arms to Iran "through the good offices of somebody in the White House staff."

Officials at the Israeli Embassy here had no immediate comment on the *Times* report.

Israel served as the middleman in a secret arms-for-hostages deal between the Reagan White House and Teheran, which burgeoned into the Iran-Contra scandal.

But no U.S. hostages were being held by Iran or by Islamic groups under its influence in 1981, when Israel allegedly sold it American arms with White House approval.

Hersh's report appeared as Congress prepared to investigate allegations that Reagan campaign officials made a deal with Iran to hold the U.S. Embassy hostages captive until Reagan's inauguration.

That allegation, which remains unproven, has been dubbed the "October surprise," a reference to fears in the Reagan camp that President Jimmy Carter might engineer release of the hostages just before the 1980 election, greatly improving his chances for re-election.

The *Times* report said interviews over the last three months found no link between the Israeli arms sales to Iran and the "October surprise."

JOBLESS CRISIS WORSENS

A group of unemployed people from the northern development town of Beit She'an, which has over 20 percent unemployment, protest outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. [IPPA photo]

Soviet coup seen as possible

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A coup d'etat by conservative Russian forces against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev would have a "very bad impact" on Moscow's policies with regard to Jewish emigration and the Middle East, says Gorbachev's former deputy spokesman.

Sergei Grigoriev implied that the leading plotter is Vladimir Zhirinovsky, an extreme nationalist who finished second to Boris Yeltsin in the recent Russian presidential election.

Describing Zhirinovsky as a "Russian fascist," and likening him to Hitler, Grigoriev said that he has the support of 19 million Russians, according to polls.

Zhirinovsky, he claimed, has said that the Soviet Union's "only natural ally" is Iraq, Israel's enemy. And should he seize power, he warned, there would be "a return to old imperial policies," with the Soviet Union closing its borders and forbidding emigration.

Currently a visiting fellow at Princeton University, Grigoriev issued his dire warnings at a press conference following his formal address to an enRoute Universal Speakers forum at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Grigoriev's remarks came against the background of political and economic disintegration in the fast-crumbling Soviet Union, and of fears about another coup.

In recent weeks, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and St. Petersburg mayor Anatoly Sobchak have raised the spectre of a hardline Communist coup.

Last August, the Soviet authorities put down a coup by Communist hardliners.

In his formal comments, Grigoriev blasted Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party, saying it was neither liberal nor democratic, but in fact a fascist movement.

He said that Zhirinovsky's supporters and sympathizers staged a public protest to register their disapproval of a Chanukah celebration in Moscow.

At the press conference, Grigoriev said that Pamyat, the anti-Semitic movement, is "very dangerous." Pamyat, he added, has infiltrated other right-wing groups.

Some of these groups, he disclosed, are compiling lists of Jews. He suggested that Yeltsin's Jewish wife is on one of the lists.

Grigoriev said the Soviet Union is in deep crisis, as one republic after another breaks away from the centre. "Can we call it the Soviet Union anymore?" Drawing laughs, Grigoriev said it should probably be called the Union of Fewer and Fewer Republics.

Two days after his speech, the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia proclaimed a New Commonwealth of Independent States and announced that the Soviet Union "is ceasing its existence."

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נאָך לאַנגע באַמיאונגען, איז געלונגען איבער־צוצייגן די רעדאַקציע פון „קענעדיען דזשואיש ניוס״ אין דער נויטוועندיקייט פון איינפירן אַן אָפּטיילונג אין יידיש. איצט האָבן מיר שוין אַ שטענדיקן יידיש־ווינקל, וואָס וועט געדרוקט יעדע צווייַ וואָכן.

יידיש לייענער דיינען צופרידן, וואָס עס האָט זיך באַוויזן די ערשטע שוואַלב. די פראַגע אָבער איז: בלייבן מיר בלויז ביי דעם?

צווישן דער יידישער באַפעלקערונג אין אונדזער לאַנד, פֿראָווינץ און שטאָט, וווּ עס דערגייט נאָר די צייטונג, זיינען פאַראַנען טויזנטער שטובן, וווּ יידיש איז די טאָג־טעגלעכע שפּראַך. אין יידיש לעבן זיי זיך אויס. זיי וואַרטן אויף דעם יידישן געדרוקטן וואָרט, כדי זיי זאָלן קענען אין זייער מוטער שפּראַך לייענען און זיך דערוויסן וועגן אַלע געשעע־נישן אין יידישן לעבן. עס איז אונדזער אויפגאַבע אַנטקעגן צו קומען אָט־דער באַדערפעניש. מיר וואָלטן באַדאַרפט פון צייט צו צייט באַריכטן וועגן אונדזערע טעטיקייטן, וועגן יידישן שול־וועזן און יידישער דערציונג, וועגן יידיש לימוד אין פֿאַרשיידענע שולן און אוניווערסיטעטן. עס איז נויטיק צו שרייבן וועגן לעבן פון דער יידי־שער באַפעלקערונג אין אונדזער לאַנד — אין די קלענערע און גרעסערע ישובים, וועגן זייערע דערגרייכונגען און באַדערפענישן, וועגן רעליגיעזע און וועלטלעכע, פֿאָליטישע און גע־זעלשאַפטלעכע פראָבלעמען, וועגן אונדזער לאַנד קאַנאַדע און די ערנסטע פֿראָבלעמען, וואָס שטייען בײַם איצטיקן מאָמענט פאַר אונדזער מדינה,וועגן לעבן אין ישראל און די דאָרטיקע פראָבלעמען, און וועגן די באַמיונגען פון דער יידישער מדינה צו דערגרייכן אַ פרידלעך צוזאַמענלעבן מיט די אַראַבישע שכנים.

אָט־די און אַ סך אַנדערע פראַגן אינטערע־סירן יעדן יִד, און דער יידישער לייענער ווִיל וועגן דעם אַלעם לייענען אין דער שפּראַך, וואָס זיי פאַרשטייען אַמבעסטן — אין דער יידישער שפּראַך.

ווי גרויס עס איז דער אינטערעס צו יידיש בײַ אונדז אין טאָראָנטאָ און אין די אַנדערע שטעט פון לאַנד, קענען דינען בלויז עטלעכע ביישפילן:

אויף די זומער־קאָנצערטן אונטערן פריײַען הימל אין טאָראָנטאָ (און אויך אין מאָנטרעאַל), וואָס ווערן דורכגעפירט פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש, צוזאַמען מיט „פריינד פון יידיש״ (און פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש און דער „מאַמע לשון״ אָרגאַניזאַציע אין מאָנטרעאַל) קומען פיל טויזנטער יידן, גרויס און קליין.

ביים זומער קאָנצערט, פונקט ווי ביי אַלע אונטערנעמונגען, וואָס ווערן אַראַנזשירט פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש, ווערט אַוועקגעשטעלט אַ טיש מיט יידישע ביכער אויף צו פאַרקויפן. אַ סך יידישע ביכער ווערן פאַרקויפט.

דער יאָרלעכער געדענק־אָוונט דעם 12־טן אויגוסט, וווּ עס ווערט געערט דער אָנדענק פון די דערמאָרדעטע סאָוועטיש־יידישע שרייבערס ציט אַלעמאָל צו זייער אַ גרויסן עולם.

די יידישע קולטור געזעלשאַפט פירט דורך פינף אָדער זעקס עפנטלעכע לעקציעס מיט אַנ־געזעענע שרייבערס און קולטור טוערס פון קאַנאַדע, אַמעריקע, ישראל און אַנדערע לענדער.

דאָס אַלץ באַווייזט, אַז עס איז פאַראַנען אַ גרויסע צאָל אַפּענמערס פון יידיש און יידישע טעטיקייטן, וואָס פאַרדינען אָפּגעשפּיגלט צו ווערן אין אַ יידישער אָפּטיילונג פון דער וועכנטלעכער ענגליש־יידישער צייטונג אין קאַנאַדע.

אויב אַפילו עס קען בלויז געגעבן ווערן אָרט פאַר יידיש איינמאָל אין צוויי וואָכן, וואָלט די רעדאַקציע פון דער צייטונג באַדאַרפט צושטימען צו אָפּגעבן כאָטש אַ גאַנץ זייטל פאַר יידיש, און מיט דער צייט פאַרגרעסערן דעם יידישן טייל. „טריט ביי טריט גיין פאָראויס״.

איך וויל אויסדריקן די האָפענונג, אַז עס וועט געפינען ווערן אַ וועג אַנטקעגנצוקומען די וווּנטשן פון טויזנטער יידיש־רעדנדיקע לייענערס איבערן לאַנד.

Israel's trade status uncertain

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

It is unrealistic for Israel to expect preferential trade status after the European market integrates in 1992, Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzales said at a press conference before leaving Israel.

Earlier, at the Labor Party's political bureau, Gonzalez said the settlement drive in the territories must stop so that the peace process can continue. The parties sitting at the negotiating table must create mutual trust and avoid steps which make the "territorial problem" irrevocable, he said.

For some time, Israel has been trying to enhance its free trade status to equal that of Scandinavian and other non-EC European countries known as the European Free Trade Area (EFTA). The EC is Israel's largest trading partner.

Despite Israel's requests by Foreign Minister David Levy and others to have status examined either on its own terms or in return for European participation at the Madrid conference, EC leaders have insisted on linking it to substantive progress on the peace process.

Gonzalez, however, went a step beyond other EC countries and said he did not foresee Israel obtaining the status whatsoever, unless such privileges were accorded to all Middle East countries.

In response to a question by *The Jerusalem Post* on whether he favors Israel enjoying trade status, Gonzalez replied, "I am in favor of bringing Israel closer to the Community. But, I do not think it is realistic to expect a status similar to an EFTA nation like Norway. Progress can be made, but in any case, it will have to be on an equal basis of all countries in the region."

Gonzalez's remarks are diametrically opposed to a Foreign Ministry communique put out after the Gonzalez-Levy meeting, which cited the prime minister's support for Israel enjoying EFTA status.

At Labor's political bureau, Gonzalez said that Spain supports UN resolutions 242 and 338, and advised Israel to initiate positions and conditions at negotiations which would promote the peace process.

Spain's connections with the Arab world are not an obstacle to deepening relations with Israel, Gonzalez said. He noted that Spain wants to maintain its friendship with Israel, as well as with the Arab states.

Israel "cannot live in isolation from its surroundings," he said. "From you in Labor I have heard all the good ideas concerning the peace process, such as concessions for peace and security and forming a Middle East common market. I would like to see Israel initiating face-to-face talks with the representatives of the other side."

He also said the hope for peace depends more than ever on the courage of "the social-democracy in Israel."

CORRECTION

Jay Lipsey was the author of the Yiddish column in the Dec. 5 issue of The CJN.

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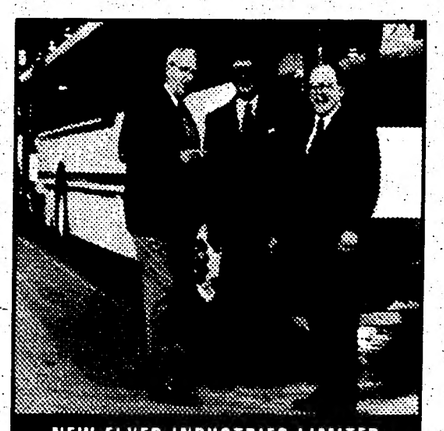

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COMMENTARY

Jewish studies courses flourish on university campuses

By
RUTH WISSE

Every December, the Association for Jewish Studies holds its annual conference for those who teach about Judaism and the Jews at the college and university level. The growth of the membership from barely 80 in 1968 to 1,200 today reflects the rapid development of programs in Jewish studies everywhere across North America.

This year's conference, the largest ever, includes 63 separate panels on such topics as: Society and Culture in Medieval Cairo; Halachah in the Early and Late Modern Period; Bialik's Poetic Legacy; Yiddish Culture; Central Figures in Jewish Mysticism; Epistemological Concerns in Jewish Philosophy; Jewish Ethnography; Jewish Ethics; Catastrophe and Jewish Identity. Trendiness plays its inevitable part in this field as in all others, with eight separate sections on women and gender as compared with four on bible, seven in all Zionism and Israel. There are also a number of sessions on Holocaust studies.

We tend to be pleasurably surprised by the rapid integration of Jewish studies into programs of higher learning. Certainly, anyone who attended university in the 1950s, as I did, or even as late as the early 1970s, may be astonished by the wide variety of Jewish studies courses that now form part of the regular curriculum.

Indeed, when I was at college, there was not a single course on any aspect of Jewish religion or peoplehood in either the humanities or the social sciences. I recall hearing the word "Jew" only twice — once in a course on European literature in connection with anti-Semitic passages in the work of Louis-Ferdinand Celine, and again in a course on modern poetry in connection with anti-Semitic passages in the work of T. S. Eliot.

Ruth R. Wisse

There were no references to the Jews, either, in general courses that seemed to require their inclusion. For example, in a full-year course on Introduction to Economic History that met three times a week between September and April, there was never a word about the Jews; I imagine that the professor was so uncomfortable with the Jews and their crucial role in economic history that he thought he was doing the gentlemanly thing by avoiding the subject altogether.

All this time, Jews were very much in evidence at the university, since the quota limiting their admission had already been lifted. Thus, the really surprising element in this transformation of the curriculum is not the introduction of Jewish studies since the 1970s, but the absence prior to that of Hebrew, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy, Jewish religion, and so forth, as part of the general offerings. If the Jews were there in western society, why was it necessary for universities to pretend that they didn't exist? How come the negative image of the Jews penetrated the classroom before any discussion of who they were?

The answers to these questions can't be found in Jewish studies, but in a course that has not yet made it into the average curriculum — a course on Gentile attitudes toward the Jews. No matter how much we may learn about Jewish civilization from the Bible to Begin, it will not explain how certain Christian authorities demonized the Jews, or how some Muslim societies degraded the Jews as part of their own quest for religious supremacy. Study of Jewish texts and ideas, regardless of its thoroughness, will never explain the triumph of anti-Jewish ideology in Europe during the first half of this century, or in the Middle East during the second half.

Learning about the Jews, in other words, will never tell us anything about anti-Semitism, which has thrust the Jews into the centre of world history not as an autonomous subject, but as the target of other people's hatred. Unpleasant as it may be, the study of that hatred is at least as important to the future of our civilization as is the study of the Jews. For unless we understand the success of anti-Semitism, we will never be able to help curb it; and anti-Semitism cannot be understood until it is studied like any other disease.

Many people think that courses on the Holocaust serve this purpose. The Holocaust is probably the most widely-taught subject in Jewish Studies programs. Donors to Jewish Studies program are eager to endow these courses, hoping that education will cure what the historian Salo Baron called "the dislike of the unlike." Yet while courses on the Holocaust in programs of Jewish Studies can investigate the tragedy of the Jews, they cannot properly pose the question of what went wrong in European civilization. Courses on the Holocaust will never explain why my Canadian professor once felt compelled to erase the Jews from his lectures, or why the most developed countries in the world tried to erase the Jews from their midst.

The Jews are a fascinating subject, and the burgeoning field of Jewish Studies is very stimulating and rewarding. But the most troubling aspect of Jewish history belongs properly in other departments — in the investigation of those ideas and forces that sought to eliminate the Jews. Hopefully, the study of Gentile attitudes to Jews will soon be included alongside the study of the Jews as part of North American university curricula.

ANALYSIS

Israel's tourism industry welcomes old, new visitors

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

There won't be many tourists at the inns of Bethlehem this Christmas; the intifada has seen to that. But elsewhere in the Holy Land, tourists are once more in evidence and accomodation for them, at least in certain popular spots, is apt to be in short supply.

After a slow but steady recovery since the Gulf War, the tourism industry is now pleased to be welcoming back visitors from its traditional markets in Western Europe and North America, and is looking forward to the prospect of new markets, particularly in the Far East.

Up to this point, the ubiquitous Japanese tourist, a common sight in Disneyland, the Louvre and the Tower of London, has been almost completely absent from Massada and the Western Wall (except for members of the fervently pro-Zionist Mikoya sect).

Indeed, no more than a few thousand of the 10 million Japanese who go abroad each year have shown up in Israel. There are soon likely to be a lot more of them, however, thanks to the Toyota Motor Corporation's recent decision to promote tourism to this country and the Tokyo government approval of an El Al charter service to Japan, starting in the summer of 1992.

El Al and other airlines are also active elsewhere, either boosting the number of their flights to Israel (as in the case with Lufthansa and Olympic), or dispatching larger planes to Ben-Gurion Airport (like TWA).

Tourists who fly in are likely to head for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Eilat, but increasing efforts are being made to attract them to the Dead Sea and the Galilee: the former being billed as a natural health farm (particularly for people with arthritis and skin diseases), and the latter as a mecca for people seeking an active vacation.

As I can testify from what I saw last weekend, there is, indeed, plenty to keep one active in the Galilee. It offers lots of horseback riding and swimming, as well as an opportunity to go floating down the Jordan in an inner tube during the summer, or skiing down the slopes of Mount Hermon during the winter.

Available all year round is ice skating, thanks to the rink opened recently at the luxurious Canada Sports Centre in Metulla, a town hitherto best known as the target of terrorist attacks from Lebanon.

Should the latter return, however, the former would undoubtedly disappear, as was evident earlier this year when Iraqi Scuds killed the local tourist industry.

Now, says Avi Etgar, director-general of the Tour Operators Association, tourism is bouncing back, with the number of visitors in 1991 likely to be 10 percent higher than in 1989, the last reasonably normal year. So rather than laying people off, as members of his group were doing not so long ago, they are busy looking for new personnel.

Should the Middle East remain quiet, he adds, they will be hiring even more in 1992.

Jewish factor takes centre stage at literary conference

By
ARNOLD AGES

OPINION

Heinrich Heine, the great German-Jewish poet, would be happy today. For years he and his colleagues in the famous Wissenschaft des Judentums (Science of Judaism) hankered after acceptance in the world of the German university.

Alas, this was not to be. Scholars such as Leopold Zunz, Abraham Geiger and Morris Steinschneider produced outstanding works of Jewish scholarship in Bible, Talmud, history, philosophy, liturgy and Jewish literature but they accomplished it outside the framework of the German university, where a baptismal certificate was indispensable for entry into that world.

It is said, moreover, that one of the reasons Heine converted to Christianity was in the hope that this would be his passport to a professional position in the German halls of learning. In his case not even conversion worked and he died as an expatriate German poet in Paris in 1856.

I was thinking about Heine and how times have changed when I recently perused the program of the forthcoming annual meeting of the Modern Languages Association which is being held in San Francisco at the end of December.

This annual conclave, the most important on the university literary calendar, brings together more than 10,000 professors and students of modern languages and literature to argue, debate and give papers on various aspects of culture and modernity.

At this year's meeting not only is there a special session on Heine's poetry, his sources and connections to German mythology, but the Jewish fact, in multiple literary, historical and sociological dimensions, is also being asserted at the MLA in a way that is totally new.

When I first started going to the MLA in 1960, there were no papers given on Jewish themes as such. Occasionally there might be mention of a Jewish factor (usually negative) within the context of the works of a major author. In 1991 a radical change has occurred.

Arnold Ages

This year more than 30 papers on Jewish drama, American-Jewish, Sephardi, French-Jewish and Yiddish writers are going to be presented at the San Francisco meetings. An entire session will be devoted to Jews and Other Differences.

How does one explain this phenomenon? Several reasons can be adduced. First, Jewish literature, whether composed in western languages or in that other uniquely western tongue called Yiddish, is making more and more of an impact on the world of the imagination. The fact that four Jewish novelists, Elias Canetti, Saul Bellow, Elie Wiesel and I. B. Singer have won Nobel prizes for literature (and peace) in recent years explains also the esteem in which Jewish writing is now held.

There is another factor involved in the renewed interest in Jewish literature and this can also be seen in the program of the MLA. In the past decade and half, literatures and disciplines which were absent from or which existed on the periphery of the major clusters of English, French, German, Russian and Spanish literatures (which have traditionally occupied centre stage at the MLA), have benefited from a kind of affirmative action.

Thus the MLA now offers symposia on subjects which did not command attention when I began going to the meetings three decades ago: feminist issues, sexual orientations, cinema criticism, visions of utopia, ethnographical concerns, humor, political correctness, autobiography, Puerto Rican studies, archival research, race, oral narratives, proletariat writing, censorship, Chicano literature and "historicizing spectatorship."

The new flexibility in the MLA's perspective has permitted consideration (as it will do this year) of the writings of Philip Roth, Cynthia Ozick, Lynne Sharon Schwartz and Saul Bellow. It is auspicious that the 1991 meetings are recognizing the Sephardi fact as well. Four papers on the Jews of Curacao, Sephardi biblical criticism, the Sephardim of Mexico and the 1492 commemorations will be featured at San Francisco.

What is especially attractive is the attention being focused on Yiddish literature at the MLA this year. Professors from Massachussetts, North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio and Texas will be delivering addresses on the poetry of Celia Dropkin, the writings of Anne Margolin, the criticism of Moyshe Kulbak and Sholom Aleichem and the anti-Yiddish manifesto of Uri Tsvi Greenberg. A Canadian, Adam Fuerstenberg of Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, will be giving a paper on Canadian Yiddish poetry between the two world wars.

Three Jewish writers have sessions devoted entirely to them this year. In addition to the symposium on Heinrich Heine, four papers are to be given on the mystical writings of the French-Jewish writer, Edmond Jabès and the same number of talks will highlight the poetic muses which inspired Allan Ginsberg's famous poem *Kaddish*.

One session at the MLA is entitled Taking Stock: Jewish Literary Scholarship in the American Academy and it will feature presentations on Lionel Trilling and Harold Bloom. In this context the literary study of Midrash will also be addressed.

An especially innovative program this year will include discussion of the American Jewish stage and will explore Elie Wiesel's *Trial of God*, women performing artists, and, the writing of the American Jewish play.

Most of the titles which advertise the talks that will be given at the MLA in San Francisco are quite clear. There is one title, however, that has completely mystified me. It is called Hopalong Cassidy and the Jewish Problem, and it's being given by Shimon Wincelberg of Beverly Hills, Calif.

Now that's a title!

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India — Out of touch

We live in an era of breathtaking change. In only two years, communism has fallen by the wayside in Eastern Europe and, to an extent, in the Soviet Union; Germany has achieved unity; Israel has re-established relations with black African and East European nations; China is belatedly moderating its hostility toward Israel; and Israel and its adjacent Arab neighbors have begun to reach out to each other.

But in India, curiously and lamentably enough, time stands still. To this day, India resists what must seem like the inevitable — the normalization of relations with Israel.

India recognized Israel in 1950, but stopped short of establishing formal relations. Two years later, however, the Indian government promised to establish proper relations with Israel. India did not fulfil its commitment, although Israel was allowed to set up a consular office in Bombay, India's commercial hub. In the intervening years, India only hardened its attitude toward Israel, adopting a Middle East policy that was so ineradicably anti-Israel that even simple, non-political sports exchanges were considered beyond the pale.

Late last month, a World Jewish Congress delegation visited New Delhi, and was received by Prime Minister Narashimha Rao. Congress was told that India is "mentally prepared" to review its relationship with Israel, and that "visible" changes can be expected. But Rao would not commit India to a timetable. India, he said, would proceed at its own pace.

Three years ago, a visiting B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League delegation got essentially the same promises from Rao when he held the title of foreign minister, and nothing happened. But if Rao is really serious, as he should be, India knows what it should do. We realize that India has vital interests in the Arab world and that nearly 100 million of its own citizens are Muslims. But these are unconvincing reasons for blackballing Israel, which bears no animus toward this great Asian state.

India should move expeditiously, but internal constraints may force a slower pace of normalization. Nevertheless, India should exhibit good faith by dropping its support of the United Nations' nefarious resolution equating Zionism with racism, while building normal economic and cultural relations with Israel. As a crowning touch, India should accord Israel the *full* recognition it deserves.

The times demand it.

Imaginative thinking

Israel's bold new economic incentives for Palestinians in the territories is a judicious amalgam of business, politics and psychology. Realizing that the so-called peace talks may drag on for months or years, Israeli authorities have set in place a series of economic measures designed to accelerate Arab business ventures.

The measures in question include the issuing of 150 licences to Arab businessmen wishing to open up new factories. The licensing procedure also legitimates many other businesses that have been operating for several years as part of the Arab grey market.

While some Palestinians are suspicious of the new Israeli incentives (tax breaks and exemptions for individuals and companies), most welcome the opportunity to open new factories and to introduce more effective production techniques into already existing business enterprises.

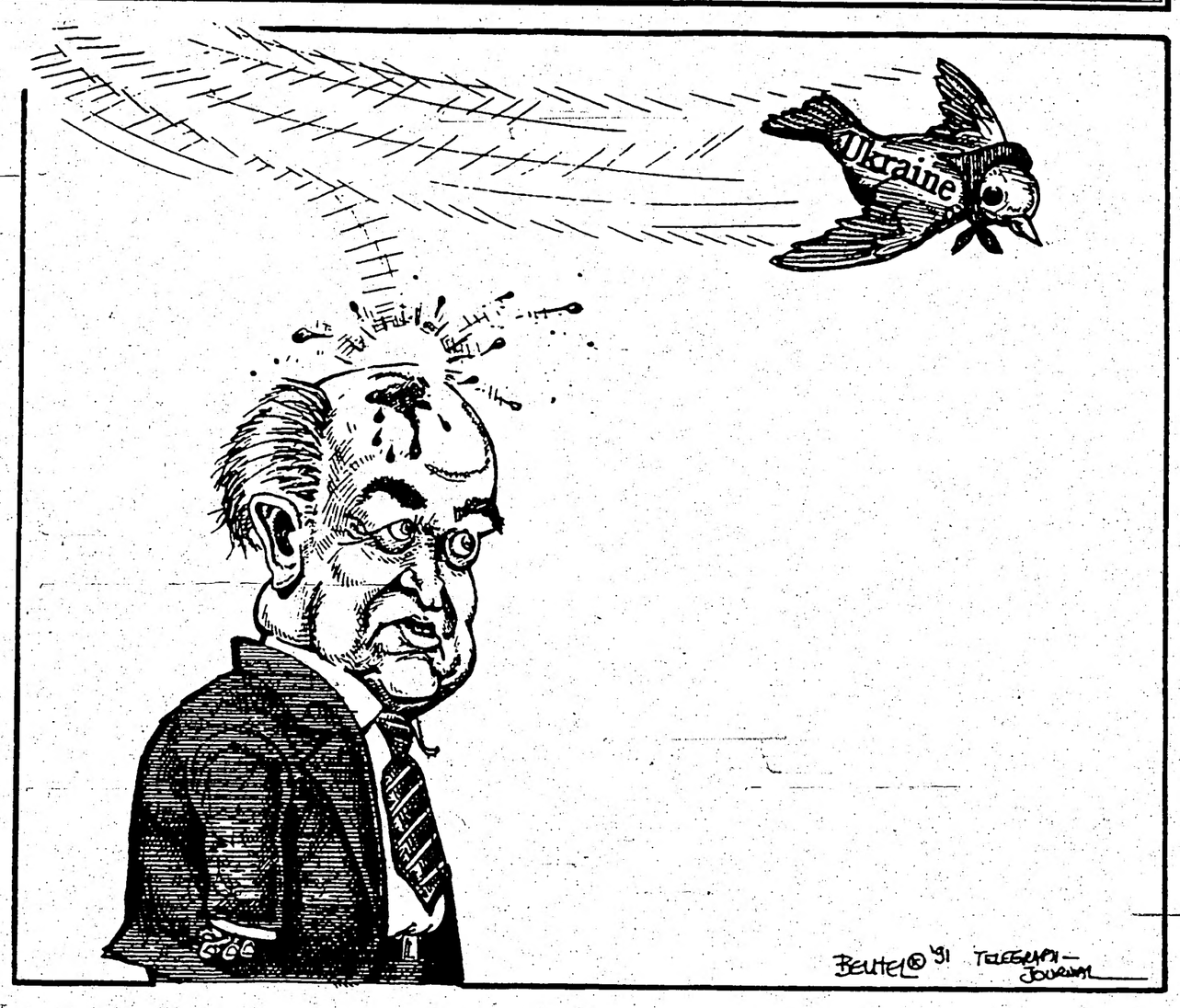
The Israeli government, interested in fostering a healthy economy in the territories, has also indicated its intention to build five industrial parks in the West Bank and Gaza. Those parks will eventually come under the control of the local municipalities.

Brig. Gen. Freddy Zach, deputy co-ordinator of the military administration in the territories is quoted *(New York Times,* Dec. 1) as saying that "the idea is to encourage industry and investment."

The Israeli move should be applauded. As a result of the intifada, Palestinian support of Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War and the influx of large numbers of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews, many Palestinians have lost jobs within Israel proper. The initiatives undertaken by the Israeli government are designed, in part, to remedy this unemployment problem.

In the larger sense, the new economic initiative also has a wise political agenda. The turbulence of the four-year-old intifada has sapped the energies of the Palestinians and severely decreased their GNP. The demographic growth of the Palestinians has, moreover, complicated the economic climate.

Israel's plans to help improve the Palestinian economy should stabilize a volatile situation. An improved economic infrastructure in the territories will benefit Palestinians, Israelis and the whole Mideast region.



Letters to the Editor

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SUPPORT FOR WISSE

I was extremely surprised to find all four letters in one issue being about Ruth Wisse's article and all being opposed.

It seems that the "Peace Now" and "Mashiach Now" notions are imports from the American world of "quick fixes." They address the symptoms but not the problems. I have no trouble with "Mashiach Now;" it is harmless. "Peace Now" troubles me. Who decides which parts of Israel to give away? What is the ultimate line beyond which "Peace (or should we say 'Piece')" will not go?

Peace is such a nice idea. But for Jews to enjoy it, they need a place. It has been conclusively demonstrated that this 'place' does not exist anywhere outside Israel.

If the proponents of Peace Now have a sincere urge to donate real property to the Arab world, let them donate whatever they own. Israel wasn't brought back into existence to provide fodder for misguided notions of what will bring peace to a species that hasn't known peace since God created it.

Herb Alexander
Toronto

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JEWS OF THE NORTH

Rabbi Plaut, in his article Jews Played A Vital Role To Small Towns *(CJN,* Nov. 7) recounts nostalgically the story of the Jewish pedlar Levi in rural Ontario.

A few years ago I wrote a brief article on the history of Jews in Northern Ontario, and as a Jewish resident of Northern Ontario, I am proud of the vital role that Jews have played in opening Northern Ontario. Unfortunately, our numbers are dwindling. I hope that we will not be remembered only as a footnote in the history of the North.

Jacques Abourbih, M.D.
Sudbury

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THE 17-FOOT TRAP

After reading the Oct. 3 story headlined Quebec Tries To Keep Young Jews Home, I offer this counter-suggestion to the leadership of Montreal's Jewish community: How about helping those of us who, like me, want to come home?

Dorothy Lipovenko

On several trips to Montreal this summer, my husband and I were struck by how hopeful people were when we said we want to move back. At shul, my husband was surrounded by older congregants. Are you new in town? they would ask, so happy and grateful for a new young face. It struck us that the community needs us now more than ever, to volunteer with its elderly, to fill yet two more vacant seats in shul.

Yes, I'm aware of the political situation, but no, I have not lost my marbles wanting to return. But I do think I need my head examined to have put up for 14 years with an outrageously priced house that is only 17 feet at its widest point.

Dorothy Lipovenko
Toronto

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STAY IN QUEBEC — REBBE

I wish to share with your readers the views of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, as expressed to a prominent Montreal businessman who met with him at his New York headquarters very recently.

My friend, who is in the real estate business in Quebec, expressed during the meeting his anxiety about the situation in the province, where the threat of separation from Canadian confederation endangers the investments and the general interests of people like himself.

In a considered reply, the Lubavitcher Rebbe counselled this visitor not to lose confidence in the future. "We Jews fervently believe in the coming of Moshiach," he said. "Until then I would urge you to remain where you have lived and prospered, for all will be well with you, and conditions will improve."

The Rebbe has been consistently correct in his estimates of critical conditions, among them his views on the threat of separatism some 15 years ago, and more recently his prediction on the outcome of events in the Soviet Union and in the Gulf War.

I sincerely believe that the Rebbe, who heads a great, worldwide movement devoted to the Jewish faith and the welfare of his people, wishes to reassure us all, and I trust that many who are anxiously awaiting the outcome of political developments in this part of the world will take heart from his words and keep their heads.

Rabbi Simcha Zirkind
Montreal

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CLASSES D'ACCUEIL

On behalf of the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, I would like to thank the Jewish Education Council, the United Talmud Torahs and everyone involved in the creation of the community "classes d'accueil" for Soviet Jewish children. We understand how difficult it was to develop this program and praise your hard work and the positive results.

Most of all we are happy for the children and their parents who emigrated recently from the U.S.S.R. The immigrant children now have the opportunity to be among Jewish people, to be in a Jewish atmosphere and to learn Hebrew and French, Jewish history and traditions.

These people know nothing about Judaism and grab at any chance for their children to belong to their own people.

Our committee strongly believes that it is high time that Jewish agencies stopped sending the children of Russian Jewish newcomers to the public school system.

Lillian Grinsaft
Action Committee for Soviet Jewry
Montreal

Opinion

I literally got a black eye on Bathurst

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Since, my beloved readers, I never keep secrets from you, I wish to inform you, before others do, how I acquired a humdinger of a "black eye" and, of all places, on my favorite Bathurst Street.

No, I was not engaged in a fisticuff exercise with anyone. Can you imagine me in a physical confrontation with anyone? Of course not. Although I was once given a "shiner" when quite young. It happened in the school yard of old Lansdowne Public School on Spadina Crescent, just north of College Street. But that was a horse of an entirely different color, as they say.

That one, and it remains as the only one anyone ever gave me in my life, was delivered by an unhappy and frustrated schoolmate by the name of Neil. (That first name remains indelibly imprinted on my mind.)

Neil, whose parents lived around the corner of Spadina and Cecil streets, was reduced to being the only non-Jewish boy in the immediate area. The rest were all Jewish "kids" from newly-arrived immigrant Jewish homes. He had no non-Jewish youngsters to play with.

To make matters worse we, he and I, were in the same class and our teacher appointed me as "captain" of the boys section. That meant that I stood in front of our class in the school yard after the bell rang and "led" the class into the building and into our classroom as well as leading them out of the class.

J.B. Salsberg

Poor Neil. That added insult to injury to lonely and frustrated Neil. So, while talking to some kids during the recess he came from behind and landed a blow to my left eye and ran from the school yard leaving me with a first class "black eye" that lingered with me for a few days.

Otherwise, I managed to, as they say, walk the path of life under sunshine and storms without acquiring a black eye until . . .

Until I blossomed out with a prize-winning "shiner" last week.

Where did I win that prize? Why, on Bathurst Street, of course, where I know most of the people of the area and where most of them know me. Oy!

And who, you want to know, gave it to me? No one gave it to me. I gave it to myself in broad daylight. How and why? Because, as has become my way of life, I wanted to avoid interrupting the tiny toddlers, who crawled on all fours on the sidewalk while their mothers stood nearby enjoying a bit of gossip.

So, while walking with my niece, Sherry, I found myself surrounded on the sidewalk by the lovely crawling children. I stopped on one leg while the other was in mid-air. The result? I was brought to my knees while avoiding contact with the crawling kids. But as I landed on my knees, my head bounced forward, hitting the brick wall! Thank heaven that the wall wasn't damaged, or I might have had a court case for damage to the wall. But . . .

As my forehead "hit the bricks" my eyeglasses found themselves between a wall and the left side of my forehead. Naturally my left eye area had to absorb the shock. The result? As they say in Yiddish "nish gefeyrlech," meaning, it could have been worse . . .

My eyes and forehead were in their usual good condition. Except that the left side of the frame of my eyeglasses were "twisted" somewhat and tended to droop downward. A new frame and a new left lense is required and is being gotten. Except . . .

That as I contacted the brick wall on my bended knees the impact caused the frame to pressure itself against the skin that surrounds the left eye, thus causing the formation of a beautiful black area around that eye. Hence the "black eye."

With all sorts of personal and social obligations on my calendar I wasn't going to let a mere, unsolicited "black eye" dominate my social life. I know that you, my dear readers, will agree with me. For instance:

Every Chanukah this splendid paper of ours stages a wonderful Chanukah party in its place of business for its writing and business staffs. It is a wonderful annual event that I wouldn't miss for the world, as the saying goes.

This year's Chanukah event coincided with my black eye experience and I wasn't going to allow such an "experience" to keep me away from that senior event of the season. Especially so since I had promised our very capable and soulful editor, Patricia Rucker, to be there as usual.

So, "black eye" or not I dressed for the occasion, was taken there by my sister Thelma and though the attendance was larger than in the past, what do you think was the main focus of attention? Why, my "black eye" of course!

Everyone wanted to know how I got it. Judging by the nature of the questions put to me I wouldn't be a bit surprised if I hadn't launched a "black eye vogue" in the country.

Keep your eyes open for the black eye fanciers.

And remember; I started it all!

And where did it start? Why, on Bathurst Street of course!

Study of Jewish lobby misses key points

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A new book has just made its appearance and will no doubt become the subject of some controversy within the Jewish community of Canada. Written by Israeli historian Ronnie Miller, and published by the University Press of America, it is entitled *From Lebanon to the Intifada — the Jewish Lobby and Canadian Middle East Policy.*

The slender volume represents a significant amount of research based on many primary sources, some of which (like my own paper) are deposited with the National Archives of Canada. In addition, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) as well as Canadian Jewish Congress and others gave the author access to their materials.

What emerges in the pages of Miller's volume is a valuable record of developments of organizational meetings, public arguments, media responses and, in particular, of CIC activities over more than a decade. The book is filled with names and references and I have no doubt that future researchers will be greatly aided by the results of Miller's exacting labors.

Still, I am not satisfied that the book fulfils its real potential. That may in part be because the author is not fully familiar with the dynamics of Canadian Jewish life and its organizational tensions and also that the subtleties of Canadian politics escape a writer who is more of a historian than a political scientist.

Thus, there is still, in the Canadian political texture, a resistance to lobbying and a greater deference to authority than are found, for instance, south of the border. These comparisons are emphasized in two other books: Taras and Goldberg's *The Domestic Battleground* and David Goldberg's recent book, *Foreign Policy and Ethnic Interest Groups: American and Canadian Groups Lobby for Israel.*

Rabbi Plaut

Back to Miller's book. I would have liked to see a much more vigorous examination of the origins, functions, and dysfunctions of the CIC which for several decades played a commanding role in the relationship of Canadian Jews with the federal government and the media.

A study of the CIC would reveal that from the very beginning there existed different points of view with regard to how the organization was to operate and how the differences between the founding organizations — the Canadian Zionist federation, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and B'nai Brith — could be managed. I would have welcomed an in-depth analysis of this important instrument of the organized Canadian Jewish community.

Thus, in 1988, there took place a conference between a number of Canadian Jews and Canadian Arabs. Held in Montebello under the auspices of the Canadian Institute For International Peace And Security, it aroused heated discussions within the CIC which were duly reported by the media, and thereby inter-organizational conflicts were exacerbated. Miller devotes one short paragraph to this event which deserves a much more detailed discussion, for it highlighted the deep tensions within the community.

I also missed a mention of the CIC's participation in having Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau abort the UN conference which was to be held in Toronto in 1975 and was to deal with international terrorism. When the PLO signaled its intention to participate in an observer status, the CIC established a special committee which went by the acronym of CAPLOT (Canadians against PLO terror). In time this organization, along with many other public and private groups and after heavy lobbying with the prime minister, managed to convince him that the political climate in Canada would not be amenable to holding this conference. Trudeau so informed the United Nations and eventually the conference was convened in Geneva, Switzerland. I looked in vain for even a mention of CAPLOT in Mr. Miller's book. To me, this was a regrettable lacuna.

Miller concludes that the intifada brought about a public realignment of the Canadian Jewish community much along the lines of the alignments in Israel itself. "We can therefore conclude," he writes, "that the intifada intensified the divisions within the Jewish community which first emerged in 1982. However, the intifada did not undermine the centrality of Israel in the mind of Canadian Jewry, and the unconditional support the organized Jewish communmity gave to Israel." The conclusion is fully justified.

Miller has contributed significantly to our knowledge of a crucial era in Canadian Jewish history, and by tapping hard-to-reach sources, has been able to enrich the public record of an exciting and often turbulent era.

Homework provides important lessons

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My oldest child is in Grade 3, and I am in bondage.

My book reports are due on Mondays. Spelling sentences get turned in Tuesdays. Wednesdays I go on field trips. Every Thursday I have to come up with something for Show and Tell, rain or shine, like the post office. Fridays, I have tests, in spelling and math and vocabulary. I think I want to go back to graduate school where I knew what I was doing, and where I didn't have to do it all by proxy: in the form of my daughter.

"Make it THEIR homework," the books shout. "Don't do it for them," the advice columnists insist. "Homework is your child's responsibility," the baby-raising mavens exhort.

Well, of course. I know that.

I'd love to do it myself; it would be easier.

Getting her to do it is the hard part. Just sitting down and making up sentences using blew, blink, block, bottle, and bold — which are among this week's spelling words — would be a darn sight simpler than hovering, helping, nagging, urging, praising, arranging, creating, testing, teasing and encouraging, which is what I'm doing now. Heck, just doing it would be a breeze.

I don't do her homework for her. What I do is sit with her, interpret for her, threaten and cajole her, and lavish her with praise, snacks, encouragement and dire consequences. Sometimes I think I'd be better off ignoring all this and letting the teachers deal with her, but the teachers have their hands full. The least I can do is send her in with her bookbag complete.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

And, after all, her homework gives us something to focus on together. This is the much-praised quality time. This is goal-oriented. This is mother-to-daughter bonding. This is nuts.

My 5-year-old is about the join the fray. She had her first homework, from kindergarten, last week. Her task: write the numbers from 1 to 20, and sign her name.

"I have to write it in cursing," she said. "We are practising cursing."

I got an immediate mental image of a bunch of little kids sitting at their miniature desks reciting, "Heck, Heck, Heck. Darn, Darn, Darn," or worse. "Gee," I thought, "our rabbi isn't going to like this," then I realized that she meant "cursive."

Actually, we've gotten regular homework down to a pretty good routine by stopping all other activities until it is done. No TV. No ballet. No visiting. No Hebrew school. Nothing, until homework is complete. It works on the same principle as "buckle your seat belt or the car won't go." No homework, no nada.

Of course, I feel like the wicked witch of the west, but the routine work gets done and I co-operate. I am the provider of snacks, the speller of hard words, and the interpreter of directions, even those which elude me.

For instance, I do not remember which is the "greater than" or the "less than" sign. Forgive me, that's a fib. It isn't that I don't remember. I never knew. I am a lifelong word person. Not a math person. I changed college majors for three semesters to switch into a field (philosophy) that let me take courses instead of fulfilling a math requirement. I don't believe in ignorance, except about algebra.

But here sits this innocent third grader with big eyes and no front teeth, who has been led to believe that I KNOW stuff, including all the math symbols, which I don't. Although I'm learning.

In fact, my math skills are improving. I even know my times tables up through nines. My child's faith in me is restored as I whip through the sevens and the eights, demonstrating drills for her without pause.

"That's great, Mommy," she says, because — unlike me — she actually has some feel for math and relishes being the praiser instead of the "praisee." I am glad she feels confident, but I fear we are on shaky ground. You see, I peeked ahead in the math book. Just as I was regaining my ability to multiply, I learned that there are rockier paths ahead: Long division. Fractions. Formulas. Oh no.

I'm going to have to call in the support troops, and delegate this away. I can already hear myself getting nicer: each afternoon, just as we finish spelling and turn to math, I can let her (and me) off the hook:

"You know what, honey, go ahead and watch TV," I'll say sweetly.

"But, Mom, what about math?" she'll ask.

I'll just smile, "Oh, never mind, dear. It'll keep until your father gets home."

Features

Saddam inspires cornucopia of books

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Saddam Hussein has become a household name since Iraq's ill-fated invasion of Kuwait last year. Anyone who reads newspapers, watches television or listens to the radio is aware of his grim, mustachioed visage and of his status as Iraq's supreme and seemingly indestructible leader.

Of late, a torrent of books about Saddam, his policies and Iraq's web of foreign relationships has rolled off the presses. There are obviously enough readers out there whose curiosity about Saddam cannot be sated by the usually shallow mass media.

The books under review, while of varied quality, all pass muster. The authors approach their subject seriously and with a minimum of bombast. They base their judgments on an acquaintanceship with the material. The quality of the writing cannot be faulted.

The finest of the lot is *Saddam Hussein: A Political Biography* (The Free Press, $19.95 U.S.) by Efraim Karsh and Inrai Rautsi. Karsh lectures at King's College in London, while Rautsi is a research fellow at the University of Helsinki.

This is an admirable work of scholarship. Karsh and Rautsi, apart from delving into Saddam's rise to prominence and examining Iraqi politics, analyse the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War and the events leading to the 1990-91 Persian Gulf crisis.

They begin at the beginning, amid the squalor and poverty of Saddam's boyhood in rural Iraq. After describing the adversities he faced as a youth, the authors write of his chief mentors — his uncle and foster father, Khairallah Talfah, who would be mayor of Baghdad, and his distant relative, Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr, who would precede Saddam as Iraq's president.

Khairallah, so corrupt and greedy that Saddam was forced to remove him from office on the eve of Iraq's misadventure in Kuwait, nevertheless exerted an influence on his powerful nephew. His 1981 treatise, *Three Whom God Should Not Have Created: Persians, Jews and Flies,* was published with the assistance of Saddam. And to judge from Saddam's attitude toward Iran and Israel, his uncle's views fell on fertile soil.

Saddam's relationship with al-Bakr, Iraq's strongman from 1968 to 1979, was symbiotic. Saddam helped al-Bakr consolidate his grip on the country, while al-Bakr supported Saddam's purges of his rivals. Saddam, like al-Bakr, surrounded himself with yes-men who had a stake in his longevity. Karsh and Rautsi claim that Saddam compelled al-Bakr to relinquish his post, but offer no solid evidence.

In support of their assertion that Saddam is a "ruthless pragmatist," Karsh and Rautsi deal with his ties to the Palestinians. Saddam, they argue convincingly, has used the Palestinian issue both as a trump card for rallying the masses and providing an outlet for "popular frustration."

Claiming that Saddam achieved notable victories in the Iran-Iraq War, Karsh and Rautsi cite his success in projecting himself as a reasonable Arab leader confronting the tide of Islamic fundamentalism and Iranian expansionism. They do not, however, pay sufficient heed to the ruinous nature of the war on Iraq, nor on the fact that it ended in a stalemate.

Rightly so, Karsh and Rautsi give him full marks for adopting important economic, social and educational programs. By the same token, they take him to task for invading Kuwait and thereby squandering his gains in modernizing Iraq.

In *Instant Empire: Saddam's Hussein's Ambition For Iraq* (Raincoast Books, $19.50), Simon Henderson, a British journalist, traces the trajectory of his career and his campaign to arm Iraq to the teeth.

Campaign to arm Iraq to the teeth is traced by journalist

Henderson, who conducted his research under the auspices of Tel Aviv University, says that Saddam rose through the ranks as a result of "patient hard work, unprincipled manipulation of allies and enemies alike, and, surprisingly, genuine support from colleagues and many ordinary people in Iraq who admire his abilities."

Like Stalin and Hitler, Saddam has promoted himself through a personality cult. Posters of Saddam plaster walls in villages, towns and cities, portraying him as a soldier, peasant, teacher and bon vivant. Institutions are named in his honor. Newspapers and magazines idolize him, linking him and the ruling Ba'ath party with Iraq's fate.

And yet, as Henderson reminds us, Saddam does not enjoy universal adoration. His enemies are legion, and among Islamic groups under Iranian influence, rumors persist that he is Jewish. There is no evidence for this assertion. Henderson correctly interprets it as a reflection of anti-Semitism within some Iraqi opposition groupings.

Henderson points out that Iraq's efforts to achieve military predominance in the Middle East, rather than being of recent vintage, really got under way before the Iran-Iraq War.

Henderson devotes a chapter to Project Babylon, Iraq's bid to acquire a massive gun capable of firing a heavy projectile as far as Israel. The so-called supergun was conceived and nurtured into existence by a Canadian engineer, Gerald Bull, the subject of Dale Grant's book, *Wilderness of Mirrors* (Prentice-Hall Canada, $26.95).

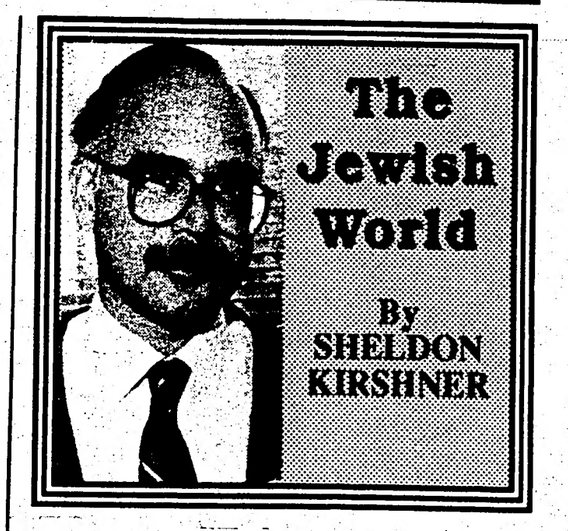
Unholy Babylon (McClelland & Stewart, $19.95), by Adel Darwish and Gregory Alexander, is most valuable as a primer in explaining why the West, especially the United States, courted Iraq in the years before Saddam's aggression in Kuwait.

As Darwish and Alexander note, Saddam's objectives coincided with Washington's — containing Iran's Islamic revolution, securing the flow of oil and preventing Iran from threatening the pro-Western Arab states strung out along the Persian Gulf.

Saddam rushed into the void and assumed the role of regional policeman, a job that had been held by the Shah of Iran. Washington's rapprochement with Iraq was disrupted by the 1986 Iran-Contra scandal, the secret arms-for-hostages deal with Teheran in which Israel was directly involved. But, as John Bulloch and Harvey Morris write in *Saddam's War* (Penguin, $29.99), Washington soon tilted back to Iraq again.

The United States put Kuwait's oil tankers under the protection of the American flag, which pleased Iraq, and gradually the Reagan administration formulated a militarily activist policy aimed against Iran.

Saddam with his family in a photograph taken in 1988.



Nationalism, tinged with anti-Semitism, seems to be gathering momentum in Slovakia, the eastern half of the federal state of Czechoslovakia.

Lately, as separatists have called for an independent Slovakia, vandals there have desecrated several Jewish cemeteries and scrawled anti-Jewish graffiti on walls. In Bratislava, the Slovak capital, news vendors reportedly hawk *Protocols of the Elders of Zion,* that infamous Czarist forgery.

There is not necessarily a correlation between Slovakian nationalism and anti-Semitism, but in the eyes of many of Slovakia's estimated 2,000 Jews, the phenomena appear to be connected.

Indeed, the issue of anti-Semitism has moved to the highest levels of Czech national politics.

Last month, Slovak nationalists demanded the removal of Czechoslovakia's ambassador to the United States, Rita Klimova, for allegedly slandering Slovakia by allegations of anti-Semitism in interviews with American journalists.

Nationalism emerges in Slovakia

Of Jewish origin, Klimova was upbraided for unjustly reporting anti-Semitic demonstrations in Slovakia. Rushing to her defence, Czech President Vaclav Havel said that Klimova had not spoken of "anti-Semitic demonstrations," but of "demonstrations of anti-Semitism" in Slovakia, which, he said, are thoroughly documented.

According to a survey on Eastern Europe released by the American Jewish Committee earlier this year, Slovaks and Poles feel the most negatively toward Jews, while Czechs and Hungarians express the least negative sentiments. Among other questions, respondents were asked if Jews exert too much influence in their respective countries and how they regard their Jewish neighbors.

Anti-Semitic manifestations in Slovakia have emerged at a time of growing boldness within Slovak separatist ranks.

Late in October, President Havel arrived in Bratislava to mark National Day, commemorating the founding of Czechoslovakia in 1918 after the demise of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Havel was jeered by egg-throwing Slovaks, who ignored his request for two minutes of silence in memory of Czechs and Slovaks who've died for their country.

Since the demise of communism in Czechoslovakia in 1989, Slovak separatists have won innumerable converts to their cause, including Jan Carnogursky, the Slovak premier. He has said that Czechoslokavia should cease to exist as a single federated state when it is admitted into the European Community. President Havel is a supporter of "a common state," but is prepared to accept a two-state solution if the Slovaks are satisfied with nothing less than sovereignty.

It wouldn't be the first time Slovakia would be a sovereign nation.

In 1939, after the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, Slovakia tasted independence under the leadership of Father Josef Tiso.

Tiso's Slovakia, a satellite of Nazi Germany, was a disaster for Jews.

Initially, Slovakia was cautious in its attitude toward its Jewish minority of 136,000 (4.5 percent of the total population). But under German pressure, things changed. The pace of anti-Jewish legislation quickened, as Jews were rendered outcasts in Slovak society.

After the arrival of special German advisors familiar with Jewish matters, the situation deteriorated drastically. Aryanization decrees stripped Jews of their properties, and hence their livelihood, and plans were set into motion to deport Jews.

The first group of Jews were deported in March 1942, and despite a Vatican protest, many more were sent to Auschwitz and Lublin to be killed.

Due to foreign and local intervention, transports were suspended in September 1942, but were resumed in the autumn of 1944. In all, the Holocaust claimed the lives of more than 100,000 Slovakian Jews, including those who had found a temporary haven in Hungary (which Germany occupied in 1944).

Most of the survivors immigrated to Israel, leaving behind a remnant in Slovakia.

Moscow synagogue revived

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

Only two years ago, the Great Synagogue in Moscow stood cold and empty during most of the week, and was used almost exclusively for religious services. Today the synagogue is a pulsating centre of Jewish life, with a day school, a lending library, a yeshivah and a host of other activities, attended by hundreds of Moscow Jews, going on from early morning till evening.

This revival of the dead — which is what it amounts to — was not carried out by the state-appointed rabbis who headed this and other synagogues for years. Rather, Moscow's Great Synagogue, as well as synagogues in many other cities, have effectively been taken over by ultra-Orthodox rabbis and emissaries from Israel and the United States, with Chabad chassidim in the forefront.

People with personal problems or queries about their Jewishness line up by the dozen each day outside the office of Rabbi Pinhas Goldschmidt, an Israeli import, who is the supreme halachic authority at the synagogue.

The synagogue's officially appointed head, Rabbi Avraham Shayevitch, sits quietly in his study while others do the work. It must be said, however, that those who have taken over his synagogue take pains to shore up his public image, although Rabbi Shayevitch himself accepts his virtual eclipse graciously enough. Basically a well-intentioned soul, Rabbi Shayevitch is happy to see a Jewish revival taking place under his roof, and he knows that he could never accomplish this himself. He also knows that the authorities, who still exercise considerable influence over synagogue life, want it this way.

The connections to world Jewry through ultra-Orthodox and other organizations are believed to be ripe with material benefits for the Soviet Union. Take Rabbi Goldschmidt, for example, whose presence here is due to the combined influence of Reichman and Bronfman — two names to conjure with on the world business scene.

Albert Reichman, the billionaire land developer from Toronto, heads the Joint Committee for the Preservation of the Jewish Heritage, a consortium of Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox groups based in North America that has restored synagogues and Jewish cemeteries and dispatched rabbis and teachers to the Soviet Union. Edgar Bronfman, the billionaire liquor magnate, is president of the World Jewish Congress. Both Reichman and Bronfman have cultivated business ties with the Soviets.

Rabbi Shayevitch and the congregation president, Vladimir Federovsky, are also the heads of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in the U.S.S.R., which was set up early last year and recently held its second conference. The union also has heavy backing from the Reichman consortium, the chief rabbinate of Israel and World Agudat Israel, which opened an office here in March.

The union and the Aguda recently set up a yeshivah in Moscow, headed by Rabbi Goldschmidt, who is also the head of the union's rabbinical court.

This move, by the way, was tantamount to a vote of no-confidence in the yeshivah established two years ago by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz of Jerusalem, who has always been regarded with suspicion by ultra-Orthodox circles.

Both the Soviet authorities and the union's Orthodox backers from abroad expect this body to overshadow the largely non-Orthodox Jewish culture movement, which has set up hundreds of associations in the past two years. The issue of who represents Soviet Jewry will no doubt take on a religious vs. secular cast in the coming years.

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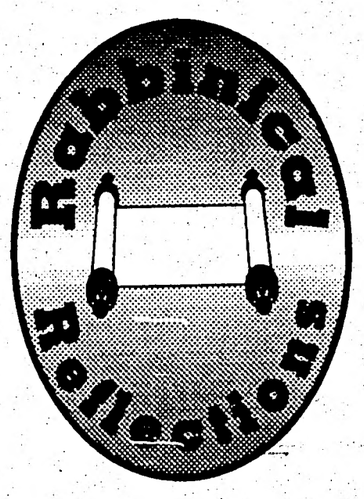

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah we read one of the most dramatic scenes in the Torah — Joseph revealing himself to his brothers. "And Joseph said to his brothers I am Joseph, is my father still alive? And his brothers could not answer him for they were frightened from him." The Midrash comments: "Woe is to us from the Day of Judgment, woe is to us from the Day of Reproof. If the brothers of Joseph could not withstand his rebuke, then we shall certainly not be able to withstand the Almighty's rebuke."

We can ask: Firstly, where do we see that Joseph rebuked his brothers? All he said was "I am Joseph, is my father still alive?" Secondly, what is the difference between the Day of Judgment and the Day of Reproof?

Says the Bais HaLevi: Joseph is truly rebuking his brothers and with one swift question refutes their entire argument for the return of Benjamin. The brothers argued that Benjamin must be returned, for if not their old father will die from the sorrow caused by their separation. Said Joseph to them: Are you really concerned about the welfare of Jascob? I am Joseph. I was the closest son to our father Jacob. Why were you not concerned for his life when you tore me away from him so many years ago? Can he really still be alive after suffering such a tragic separation? And if yes, then he will endure the separation of Banjamin, too. To this simultaneous rebuke, and refutation of their argument, the brothers found no answer. They were silenced by their own contradictory actions.

When we enter the World to come to stand trial for our actions on earth, we will confront two aspects. One, the judgment itself of which the Almighty will accuse us. He will list all of the actual charges and offences. But perhaps we will be brazen enough to challenge the accusation. Perhaps we will have the chutzpah to rationalize and to attempt to defend ourselves. Unfortunately it won't work. For the second aspect is when God Himself will prove to us by our very own actions that our excuses are unacceptable. This proof will be His reproof, and we will be silenced as were Joseph's brothers. Let me illustrate.

God will say: You didn't give enough charity. We will answer: Dear God, You don't know what a hard time I had making a living. I only spent money on the barest of essentials on which to subsist. I gave as much charity as humanly possible. And God will start playing the movie of our life right before our very own eyes and He will show us all of the money that we squandered on sin, on unnecessary luxuries, on a million and one things upon which we wasted our resources. Oh how we could have used that money more wisely in helping the poor, the sick, the needy bride, providing clothing and lodging for the needy, keeping the Torah institutions and the countless organizations of chesed alive and thriving.

God will accuse us of not studying enough Torah — the most important mitzvah of all. And we shall reply: Dear God, if You only knew how little time I had left at the end of a hard work-day. I came home, gobbled down my supper, and fell exhausted into bed. And the movie will roll on. And there before our very eyes all of the minutes, hours, days, months and years that cumulatively were fritted away on nonsense, reading newspapers from cover to cover, watching endless hours of trashy TV, etc., will come plainly into view.

And so it will be with the rest of the list of our sins: the accusation and judgment, the attempted defence, and the contradictory proof of our own actions. The world is not *hefker*. There is a *Baal HaBayis*. There is a Judge and a Day of Judgment. One day God will reveal Himself to all of us and say "I am Hashem."

Let us prepare ourselves now to be able to greet that day with righteous actions and true recognition of the Almighty through knowledge and observance of His holy Torah!

Rabbi Aaron Levine is a Toronto writer, lecturer and educator.

U.S. aims to repeal resolution

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) —

An announcement that the United States will undertake a "full court press" in the next two weeks to repeal the 1975 UN resolution on Zionism was greeted with satisfaction and relief by Jewish organizations, which have been chomping at the bit to step up their own lobbying activities.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said that the United States would push for a vote to repeal the resolution, which branded Zionism as racism, before the General Assembly ends its session on Dec. 17.

"As President Bush indicated in September to the UN General Assembly, to equate Zionism with the intolerable stench of racism is to twist history," said Tutwiler.

"By repealing this resolution unconditionally, the United Nations will enhance its credibility and serve the cause of peace.

An informal count taken by the World Jewish Congress indicates that the drive to repeal the resolution has the backing of more than the two-thirds majority of General Assembly members that may be required to overturn it.

"With a strong U.S. commitment, it will happen," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The conference is launching a major effort to repeal the 1975 resolution, lobbying country by country through visits to UN missions and embassies of UN member nations.

Daily tally of support

"This will be a critical test of the new world order articulated by President Bush," said Shoshana Cardin, the conference's chairman. "It will show whether other governments are serious about joining the United States in rejecting extremism and anti-Semitism."

The conference plans a daily tally of support.

The State Department announcement came shortly after the General Assembly elected Boutros Ghali of Egypt for a five-year term as UN secretary-general, beginning Jan. 1.

Egypt has been a leading opponent to the repeal drive. Some Jewish observers at the United Nations have expressed hope that having achieved the coveted post, Egypt might now ease up on what may have been an effort to win support for Ghali from more extreme Arab states.

The State Department announcement also followed shortly after a meeting between WJC President Edgar Bronfman and Bush. According to the WJC, Bush told Bronfman he was unaware that U.S. efforts on the repeal drive had not yet moved into high gear.

Tutwiler said that since Bush's Sept. 23 UN speech, Secretary of State James Baker and other senior officials have been "working actively and quietly on this issue."

Tutwiler said Baker told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir during their meeting two weeks ago that the United States would take the repeal drive public at this time.

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Organizations and People

Israeli doctor sharpens skills for new children's hospital

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
The soon-to-be chief of pediatric neurosurgery at the largest children's hospital in the Middle East is bringing to Israel specialized knowledge and skills acquired during a two and a half year fellowship in Toronto.

In an interview held at the Toronto Hospital shortly before he left the country, Dr. Shalom Michowiz told *The CJN*, "We hope with the peace talks that this [children's] hospital will service not only Israel but also neighboring countries such as Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon."

The hospital to which he's referring is the 220-bed Children's Medical Centre of Israel (CMCI) in Petah Tikvah, adjacent to Beilinson Hospital and, like Beilinson, one of almost a dozen Kupat Holim hospitals in Israel.

The CMCI, which recently opened its endocrinology clinic, will open one department a month until it is fully operational. Michowiz expects about a nine-month wait until Neurosurgery is opened.

With state-of-the-art equipment and amenities such as 30 cable TV channels broadcasting children's shows, a hospital radio station, sofa-beds for parents and colorful walls with different motifs to help young children find their way around, the hospital promises the ultimate in patient care.

At a cost of $60 million, the CMCI

Dr. Shalom Michowiz

was mainly funded by New York realtor Irving Schneider, who initiated the project. No public money was spent to build the hospital and Schneider has promised the establishment of a $25 million fund whose interest will be spent on maintenance, according to a recent article in *The Jerusalem Post Magazine*.

Nonetheless, there have been objections, although financial concerns have been mollified because the debt-ridden Kupat Holim won't be further burdened monetarily by the CMCI, according to the *Post* article.

Another concern is whether other Israeli hospitals will be pushed into installing luxuries in their pediatric wards to compete. There are also those who question the need for such a hospital in the first place.

To Michowiz, there is no question. The ratio of [hospital] beds to the population is not very high in Israel, he says. In addition, the flow of new olim will mean about one million more people in the country, necessitating more hospital facilities, he explained.

In the neurosurgery department, Michowiz will use techniques he learned during his fellowship at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and at the Toronto Hospital to perform delicate brain surgery.

Michowiz trained under Dr. Harold Hoffman at Sick Kids' and Dr. Charles Tator at the Toronto Hospital witnessing and learning surgical techniques to successfully correct problems that have been deemed inoperable at other hospitals.

As an example of that type of surgery, he mentioned a benign brain tumor known as a craniopharyngioma. Due to its location around important brain structures (which are susceptible to damage during surgery), surgery is risky, and a number of patients from other centres have been referred to Toronto.

Michowiz is confident that he will similarly help his small patients at CMCI.

He's not as confident about being able to help his adult patients (particularly the ones with complicated problems), due to an urgent need for more sophisticated equipment at adjacent Beilinson Hospital, where Michowiz will be vice-chief of adult neurosurgery, in addition to his duties at CCCI.

A new microscope to enable more complicated types of surgery would cost about $200,000 Canadian, says Michowiz. An ultrasonic aspirator which uses high velocity to destroy tumors would be roughly $75,000.

While he was in Toronto, Michowiz contacted a number of people in the community who have pledged to help raise funds for the equipment. A soft-spoken, self-effacing man, the doctor felt compelled to reach out so that his patients could have the best care possible.

Anyone who would like to help may contact Canadian Friends of Kupat Holim at 630-9444 or Mrs. Wagman at 633-9337.

Speakers Registry updated

TORONTO —
If you are seeking speakers on such topics as the Psychology of Jewish Humor, How to Start a Synagogue, The Conflict Between Judaism and Feminism, and Shalom Bayit — Domestic Peace in the Home, then look no further than the just-released Speakers Registry.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region has published this updated registry, which has come out under various auspices for the last 30 years. One hundred and ten Toronto-area speakers are listed.

"We hope that this directory will help program and adult education chairmen in the selection of meaningful and enjoyable speakers for meetings and programs," said Sandra Brown, chairman of the CJC's Education and Culture Department.

The Speakers Registry is a roster of persons with experience in some aspect of Jewish culture, history, or current affairs. It lists individuals who have consented to speak on listed subjects, along with their addresses and phone numbers.

Some of the topics listed in the registry include: anti-Semitism, assimilation and intermarriage, entertainers, education, family, Holocaust, Halachah, science, history, religion and politics.

Speakers range from academics, clergy and educators to community leaders, artists and musicians.

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JCC attempts to reduce massive debt

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) is hoping to reduce its staggering $6.87 million debt by actively soliciting endowment funds, becoming more entrepreneurial in the services it provides and encouraging people to make the centre the beneficiary of insurance policies.

JCC president Alan Zender and executive director Paul Brownstein outlined the plan of action in the wake of the centre's recent annual meeting, in which Zender described the financial difficulties facing the organization.

The JCC is hoping to ecourage more people to make the centre the beneficiary of life insurance policies in a way that will offer donors an income tax benefit, they said, and it will continue looking at ways of becoming entrepreneurial in its provision of programs.

The North branch's sports injury clinic, lottery booth and privately-run tennis program may be the models for other money-making programs, including a proposed Judaica gift shop, Zender and Brownstein said.

Improving the JCC's financial picture will not be easy, Zender told the meeting.

"The greatest challenges in the 90-year history of the [JCC/'Y'] are before us," he said.

"We spent nearly $5 million on major construction and improvements to the North 'Y' and Bloor 'Y' branches and now we have a bank debt of well over $6 million.

"Although pledges were secured for much of this debt. . . the payment of

Alan Zender

pledges does not even keep up with interest costs. If some major contributions aren't recruited, and collections improved, the debt will choke the organization.

"For the first time in our history, we are worried about cash flow and our ability to make payments to suppliers and creditors. I am afraid there doesn't appear to be any quick solution to our problems."

For someone attending one of the JCC's crowded exercise classes or trying to find a place in the centre's popular pottery courses, the image of an organization strapped for cash might appear odd.

In fact, membership fees, which exceeded $3.3 million in 1991, were one of the centre's financial strengths. No other North American JCC gets even $2 million.

On an operating budget of $9.3 million, the centre fell short by only $80,000 (less than one percent) and that sum was added to the JCC's growing capital debt.

Paying off that debt is the major problem facing JCC officers and directors. Zender and Brownstein say the JCC's money woes are attributable in part to the slow payment of pledges towards the centre's endowment fund while other major income sources are being cut back.

According to the centre's financial report, "contributions and endowments" fell from $584,000 in 1990 to $493,000 in 1991.

Government grants dropped in the same period from $266,000 to $216,000. The allotment from the United Way (UW) grew between 1990 and 1991 from $448,000 to $472,000, but the centre, like other UW beneficiaries, has already been told to expect a 3.9 percent reduction for 1992, Brownstein said.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), last year provided the JCC with a "nominal four percent increase" in its allocation, Zender said, and then withheld five percent when its income from contributions did not meet expectations.

"Our allocation from the federation has, in fact, been frozen, while costs rise," Zender said. (The 1991 allocation was $942,000.)

This has come at a time when the JCC has increasingly been taking on the role as the "program arm of the federation," he added.

Over the past few years, the JFGT has asked, and the JCC has accepted, the responsibility to run several new programs, such as the Jewish Film Society, the Community Integration Program, the Sephardi Youth Program and the Russian Young Adult Program.

While the JFGT has underwritten the program costs, the JCC has to foot the bill for their administrative costs and "that's what's killing us," Zender said.

"We're happy being the programming arm of the federation," he added, "but it's not acknowledging that it's costing us more for administration."

JFGT president Jack Chisvin, who attended the JCC annual meeting, said "the fact is that every agency was frozen. It's painful to freeze agencies' [allocations] at a time of increasing costs, but if funding comes through, more will be given to all the agencies."

Like the JCC, the federation (which raises funds through the United Jewish Appeal) has seen a slow pace in the payment of pledges, which Chisvin attributed to the poor economy.

Zender believes the JCC's money woes can be addressed through the active solicitation of endowment money. That can be done by better informing the Jewish community about all the good work done by the centre, he said.

The JCC's five branches provides about 2,000 social, educational, cultural and recreational programs, including some for the handicapped, for 1,200 seniors a day, for financially disadvantaged groups and for new immigrants, Zender said.

"We're going to let people know what we do really do and that we're an organization that tugs at their heartstrings," he said.

Bonds operations move to Toronto

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The State of Israel Bonds' Montreal operations have undergone a shakeup, as the organization begins the process of moving its headquarters to Toronto.

National executive vice-president Julius Briskin has retired and been replaced by Charles Diamond, who is working at the Toronto Bonds office. Montreal city manager Lionel Segal was let go and his position has gone to Erol Araf, Bonds public affairs director for several years. Araf is also responsible for the Maritimes.

Araf said a total of six Montreal staff members will lose their jobs by the end of the year. The transfer to Toronto should be completed next summer or fall, he said.

"For all intents and purposes, Montreal is still functioning as the national office."

Araf, a native of Turkey, previously worked as public relations director of Canadian Jewish Congress, before joining Bonds.

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Organizations and People

Vaughan residents not ready to fight housing project

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Vaughan residents opposed to the Ohr Somayach housing project on Clark Avenue are concerned they're not being given enough time to prepare a case for a three-day Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing slated to begin Dec. 18.

David Sherman, a Bevshire Circle resident and lawyer who is leading the opposition to the proposed assisted housing project next to the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue, says Dec. 18 is too soon for him and his supporters to prepare their case.

Apart from months of legal wrangling, red tape and sheafs of letters from him to various authorities, Sherman says he's been kept in the dark about much of the project's technicalities.

And he's charging the developer, Runnymede Development Corp., with "abuse" of a provincial law that technically allows it to bypass a requirement to hold public hearings.

Sherman says when a developer asks a city to redesignate a parcel of land from low density to high density — as in this case — it is "normal procedure" for the city to hold public hearings in order to gauge ratepayers' concerns.

But a section of the Planning Act allows a developer, if the city is "unresponsive" to the original application, to go directly to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, who then asks for the intervention of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Sherman charges that employing the section goes against the spirit of the law and tramples on the rights of residents.

And apart from having the whole procedure "rushed through," he says he's not sure whether the Dec. 18 OMB hearings will address the revised density application or the original application to redesignate the density.

Sherman is hoping the OMB will adjourn the hearings at least until February to give residents more time to plan their case and to raise funds for various studies that will examine the project's impact on the neighborhood.

Residents would also welcome a decision by the OMB to have the matter referred back to public hearings by the city, he says.

Sherman says there are "hundreds" of area residents opposed to the project, which they fear will cause increased congestion and traffic and would be inappropriate for the neighborhood.

The project has generated considerable controversy from the start. Ohr Somayach, an Orthodox educational outreach organization, wants to build an assisted housing project on a 1.8 hectare plot of land between the synagogue and the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre.

Runnymede, which developed almost all of the surrounding neighborhood, including the synagogue, immediately clashed with residents, mainly those on Bevshire Circle, Tangreen Court and York Hill Boulevard.

A compromise was reached last May. The developer agreed to downsize the project from 240 units on 14 floors to 125 units on eight floors, with some of the storeys terraced back from Clark Avenue.

But many residents say the latter may have been Runnymede's plan all along, Sherman adds.

The project calls for two-thirds of the units to have rents geared to income, with the rest having rents geared to market value.

Plans for the land also call for a new campus of Bais Yaakov High School and a day care facility.

CJC may launch complaint against Star

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress is considering a recommendation that it file a complaint with the Ontario Press Council (OPC) about an article written by *Toronto Star* columnist Tom Harpur, alleging he "misused" a report by an expert on kosher ritual slaughter.

Congress' joint community relations committee has recommended that a formal complaint be launched since Harpur has "refused to acknowledge that he misused [the report], apologize for it or retract it," said committee chairman David Satok.

Two ethics columns by Harpur in the Sunday edition of *The Toronto Star* ignited a storm of criticism in the Jewish community when he suggested that kosher slaughter (shechitah) should be banned because more humane forms of slaughter could be employed.

The proposed complaint arises from his second article of Oct. 27, which cited a report by Temple Grandin, assistant professor of animal science at Colorado State University, who Harpur maintained "has some criticism of certain aspects of kosher slaughter. . . [and] who believes [it] can be made more humane."

That column immediately drew the objections of Congress spokesman Bernie Farber, who said Harpur "purposely distorted [shechitah] to prove his personal thesis, that kosher slaughter is inhumane."

In a letter to *The Star*, Grandin stated that "kosher slaughter is a humane method."

OPC executive secretary Mel Sufrin said that once a complaint is received, it is passed on to the newspaper in question for a response.

If the parties can agree on a resolution to the dispute, the matter ends there. If they do not, the OPC executive decides whether to hold an oral hearing where both sides present their views.

The earliest a hearing could be held is in February, Sufrin said.

The OPC constitution contains a provision for complaints about editorials and columns if the article is based on erroneous information, he added.

Satok said Congress' aim in filing the complaint is "to ensure that when a paper like *The Toronto Star*, deals with issues affecting the Jewish community, to be sure their facts are correct and not to misuse scholarly articles."

He said columnists should be certain their research is accurate so that their articles don't result in abuse of the Jewish community.

Harpur denied misrepresenting Grandin's article and he called the proposed complaint to the press council "ridiculous" and "unfair."

He told *The CJN* that while Grandin "is undoubtedly in favor of kosher killing in the most humane manner possible. . . she laid out concerns on aspects of the slaughter."

Harpur said he "understated" what he observed in the process of kosher killing, adding he believed *The Star* had given fair play to a letter from Grandin which took issue with his use of her article.

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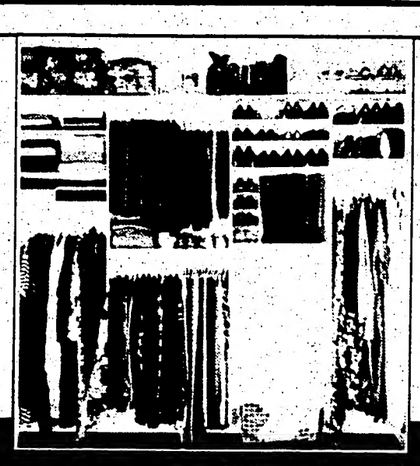

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Winnipeg aids Soviet Jews

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Winnipeg Jewish community through its new Integration and Acculturation Department for Soviet Newcomers is introducing a family-to-family program for recent Soviet Jewish immigrants to the community.

The six-month program is modelled on similar programs implemented in many other Jewish communities across North America. Director Sophie Tapper says it has been very successful elsewhere at integrating Soviet Jewish immigrants.

The objective is to match Russian Jewish families and couples with Canadian host families of similar ages and interests. Working out of an office in the YMHA Jewish Community Centre, Tapper has run an ad in the local *Jewish Post and News* and has approached the different Jewish organizations.

"The program aims to help Russian Jews walk through the Canadian lifestyle," says Tapper. "We want the host couples to introduce them to the Canadian-Jewish culture, invite them for holiday events, shul, Shabbat dinner, explain social services, talk about economic matters like buying a house and house insurance, invite them on outings to the zoo or the beach. The visits will also give the Russians a chance to practise their English."

Host families will be expected to make contact with their Russian counterparts at least twice a month, once in person. Tapper notes the activities should not be so costly so as to put a burden on the Russian families nor make them feel obligated to reciprocate.

"By just bringing a Russian family into your home, you give them a window on Jewish culture," says Tapper. "They will see the mezzuzah at the door, a chanukiah, Shabbat candles."

At press time, 15 Russian families had applied to participate in the program (about 140 Russian Jews have arrived in Winnipeg in the past two years). Tapper was just starting to match them with host families.

"Winnipeg is known for its hospitality," Tapper says. "We have to open our hearts to these people. We shouldn't forget we are all the children and grandchildren of immigrants."

Jobs seen as key to integration

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Jews seeking admission to Canada today do not face the situation described in the book *None is Too Many* said members of a panel on immigration issues held recently at Holy Blossom Temple.

"The Canada of today is not the Canada of 1939," said Prof. Fred Zemans, dean of the law school at Osgoode Hall.

Though she said Canada is not harder on Jewish applicants than on other persecuted groups, Susan Davis, national executive director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, said that the Canadian Jewish community is not fighting hard enough for upwards of 1,000 Jews presently seeking admission as convention refugees.

"Jews are not being picked upon as a group," said Pamela Ahifeld, an immigration consultant. "It is just a national policy."

Robert Furman, a member of the panel who represented the Association of Soviet Jews in Canada, said: "My interpretation of what Barbara McDougall, minister of immigration, told us when she still held the portfolio is that Canada could not single out Jews for admission because there are other groups who are persecuted and it is not possible politically."

However, Furman, while expressing thanks for the efforts by the Jewish community on behalf of 20,000 Soviet Jews now in Canada, said it should persist in asking for Ottawa's co-operation in admitting Soviet Jews seeking convention status as landed immigrants.

Recalling the period when Canada turned its back on Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler, Zemans declared: "This is not the same situation as in 1939. Jews are being sent to Israel from the Soviet Union. We have to be very careful in drawing any analogies with *None is Too Many* . This country has matured and the Jewish community has matured. The Jewish community is in a position to set its own agenda."

Davis said the outlook for admission to Canada of Soviet Jews is bleak. "I warn you the numbers admitted will not be dramatic. We don't have a chance to have great numbers. Everybody is in line and the question is 'Who comes first?"

But, she said, Canadian Jews should not wait for a national Jewish policy on what to do about the Soviet applicants, but should take action on their behalf in individual communities. "It's time to go public."

The argument that Soviet Jews should be going to Israel instead of North America does not apply to these applicants "because these people took their lives into their own hands."

Canadian Jewish communities must deal with a new type of refugee, she said, referring to the 1,000 applicants. "What do we do with these people who may not be able to stay as landed immigrants?"

Besides, she added, Jewish politics on the issue is changing because Soviet Jews now see Israel as their main rescue country.

The best way to help a Soviet immigrant already in Canada is to offer a job, Davis said, "because 50 percent of the integration is done when you give someone a job." She suggested that doctors, engineers and other professionals form groups to help their Soviet counterparts cope.

Canadians should send CARE packages to the Soviet Union to help people through the coming winter, she said.

The panel was sponsored by the community integration and Soviet Jewry committees of Holy Blossom Temple. Sandy Atlin was chairman.

Computer course for teens

REHOVOT —

A Russian-language computer course for teenage immigrants from the Soviet Union will be launched this week by the Weizmann Institute's youth activities section. It is designed for students in grades 10 and 11 who do not speak Hebrew.

"We believe that this scheme will be especially beneficial to Russian youth because they get virtually no exposure to personal computers," explains course co-ordinator Dr. Netta Maoz. The six-month extracurricular course will be taught by a doctoral student at the institute who himself recently came from the Soviet Union.

In addition, 48 Russian immigrant schoolchildren will receive scholarships enabling them to enrol in regular Hebrew-language science clubs of the youth activities section.

"The students already know enough Hebrew to study alongside Israeli-born youth, but their parents cannot afford to pay for any extracurricular activities for them," explains Maoz. Some 70 after-school clubs, led by scientists and graduate students of the Weizmann Institute, enable young Israeli science buffs to learn about a variety of topics, ranging from optics and astronomy to medical research and meteorology.

The scholarships for young immigrants, as well as the Russian-language computer course, are being funded by a grant from the New York-based Youth Renewal Fund.

These youngsters are the latest to benefit from the insitute's intensive efforts to absorb Russian immigrants. A number participated in the Amos de-Shalit Summer Science Workshop, a two-week camp for outstanding Israeli high school students, also run by the youth activities section.

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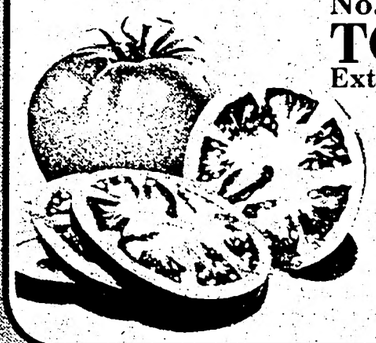

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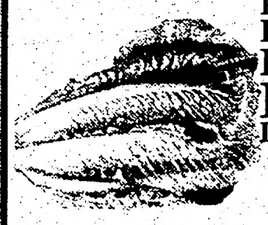

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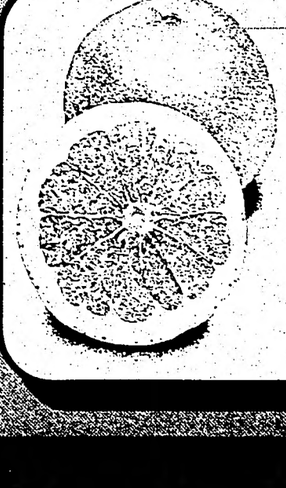

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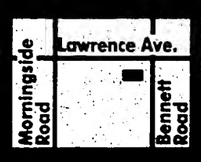

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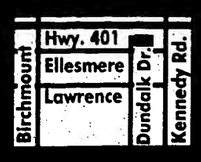

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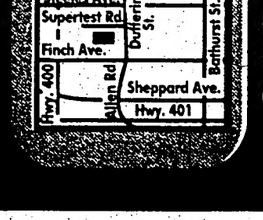

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JSU gets new director

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
"When you call me Michael, don't forget I'm Rabbi Skobac, and when you call me Rabbi Skobac, don't forget that I'm Michael."

So says the new director of the University of Toronto's Jewish Student Union (JSU), who has worked with young adults for over a dozen years and who often leaves it up to students to decide what they should call him.

During his own student days, Michael Skobac felt very alienated from Judaism. "Being Jewish was worse than irrelevant," he said in a recent telephone interview from Brooklyn, where he spent four years as director of the New York branch of Jews for Judaism, a counter-missionary and outreach group, before taking on the JSU position last week.

As a student at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., Skobac met students who were beginning to explore their Jewish identities. That was the beginning of his own journey which led him to the James Striar School (JSS), a division of Yeshiva University for young adults beginning to study Judaism. After three years at JSS, he entered Yeshiva University's rabbinic program.

Rabbi Michael Skobac

As a result of both his personal experience and his work with young people, Rabbi Skobac has concluded that "once [students] are exposed to Jewish ideas and Jewish experiences [at a more sophisticated level] and they understand the excitement, the dynamism and the profundity of what being Jewish is, they're extremely turned on to it."

An important part of the JSU's mandate is to inspire and challenge students, says Rabbi Skobac.

On the other hand, "I try not to push my personal agenda. I think that all students have to be met where they are.

"Most college students, given a chance to get into the driver's seat, will take the car where they want it to go. My job is to facilitate that and to be a resource."

Another priority for Rabbi Skobac is outreach to those students who have not affiliated with the JSU. "It's important that we serve the entire range of Jewish students."

Beyond the students' intellectual, spiritual and religious needs which Rabbi Skobac obviously holds dear, he recognizes their other needs, such as social action and social interaction, which are integral parts of JSU programming.

With a strong student executive at the JSU, the wheels are in motion to continue the variety of programming for which the group has been known in the past.

"I'm definitely slanted in the direction of challenging students, of giving them a chance to come to grips with what it means to be a Jew as adults," says Rabbi Skobac. "Even those with day school backgrounds are now at a new phase in their lives."

Rabbi Skobac enjoys challenging young adults, he says. "I find I'm very energized by it."

Radio talk show host defends Israel's position

By
IDELE ROSS

ST. CATHARINES —
When CKTB (610) morning talk show host John Michael opens his microphone to listeners, he has to be prepared for anything.

"This time the program started with some chat about miscarriages of justice," Michael explained. "That led to someone citing John Demjanjuk and Ernst Zundel as innocent of the crimes for which they have been convicted."

For three hours, veteran broadcaster Michael joined his estimated listening audience of 200,000 in analysing and discussing the Holocaust and why it happened. He said that whenever Jewish issues or the Arab-Israel conflict are raised by callers, the response is very strong.

Over the years, he has been accused of an anti-German bias as well as bigotry and having anti-Semitic points of view on his program. He says he now defends Israel's position because of some feelings which emerged from research done on World War II.

"But I have to tell you that most of the phone calls over time are pro-Arab, not necessarily anti-Semitic but rather anti-Israel."

Michael argued with the listener who drew parallels between Palestinian prisoners of war—detained in southern Lebanon and Holocaust victims. He expressed astonishment when another listener defended Zundel, saying that if you divide six million by 365 days times four (the era of the Nazi occupation) there is no way the Nazis could have killed that many Jews. The caller hung up before Michael could respond.

Michael, whose views have gotten him into trouble in the past, is clearly uncomfortable with these subjects.

He says it is difficult to be even-handed in these live discussions. However when discussing how some people deny that the Holocaust ever took place, Michael unequivocally responded: "If I were Jewish, I would join the most militant group in existence, probably the Jewish Defence League!"

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

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A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Dec. 12, is deadline for the Dec. 26 issue). However, due to the holiday schedule, we will not be publishing the issue of Jan. 2. Therefore, all items that would ordinarily have appeared on Jan. 2 must be included in the Dec. 26 columns (deadline Dec. 12).

Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, Dec. 13

SINGLES ONEG SHABBAT

Adath Israel Singles (ages 30-50) is having an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. The service will be followed by **Paul Watson**, *Toronto Star* reporter, speaking on Male/Mail-Order Spouses — Exploitation or G-d-Send, followed by refreshments and social hour.

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You are invited to join the Shabbat service at Beach Synagogue, 109 Kenilworth Ave., on Friday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Following the service, **Helen Cooper** of the committee for Jews in Arab lands, Canadian Jewish Congress, will be discussing the status of the 4,300 Jews living in Syria.

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Saturday, Dec. 14

BBYO TEEN DANCE

B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) has arranged a teen dance for Jewish students, ages 13-19, on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the BBYO auditorium, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard, parking lot entrance).

Admission is $5 members, $7 non-members. For more information, call 635-9411.

ART AUCTION

An art auction, sponsored by NISHMA, is being held Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Jewish Community Centre North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. Preview is at 7:30 p.m., the auction at 8:30.

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Sunday, Dec. 15

SONG OF THE SEPHARDI

A movie, *Song of the Sephardi*, is being shown at York University, Stong Building, on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. This event is organized by York University Centre for Jewish Studies. The movie will be introduced by **Sarah Taieb-Carlen**. The audience will be addressed by York U. **Prof. Sid Eisen**.

Admission is $10, refreshments included.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

At the Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15, well-known author/lecturer **Morton Manila** will be speaking on A European Germany or a German Europe.

Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. (a nominal charge), the talk at 10 at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

JEWISH HERITAGE IN SPAIN

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood is featuring guest speaker **Margarita Ramon**, Spanish tourist representative, at its breakfast meeting Sunday, Dec. 15. There will be a slide and video presentation (slides by **Leonard Wiseberg**) on Exploring the Jewish Heritage in Spain, A Journey Through Jewish Spain.

Services are at 9:30 a.m., breakfast at 10 at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, Dec. 16

SEPHARDIC LECTURE SERIES

Adam Fuerstenberg

The Other Jews: The Sephardic Contribution to Canadian Culture is the subject of a public lecture to be given by **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg** on Monday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Fuerstenberg is professor of English at Ryerson and a published authority on Jewish and Yiddish Canadian literature.

Admission is $5 for non-members.

BAYCREST BARGAIN FUR SALE

A great selection of fur coats at fantastic prices will be on sale at Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst St., on Monday, Dec. 16, in the Silverman Garden Court, and on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Khedive entrance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Silver items, giftware and jewelry will also be part of the sale organized by Baycrest Women's Auxiliary.

Proceeds help support Alzheimer's research and special care programs at Baycrest. For more information, call the Auxiliary office at 789-7071, ext. 2010.

GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians will be meeting Monday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sisterhood Library at Holy BLossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For more information, call **Ruth** at 763-9111. Your call will be confidential.

SPECIAL INSTITUTE BRIEFING

You are invited to a special briefing on Rounds two and three: Where is the Peace Process Heading? sponsored by the Israel affairs committee of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs. It features **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada, **David Goldberg**, research director, Foundation for Middle East Studies, and moderator **Sheldon Lerman**, national chairman, Israel affairs committee.

The date is Monday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Centre, 15 Hove St. Admission is free. For more information, call 633-6224.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

SINGLES TORAH STUDY CLASS

Do join Adath Israel Singles (ages 30-50) for the next session of its ongoing Torah Study Class, Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Question the purpose of life and learn about the past to live in the present.

For further information, contact **Rabbi Sheldon Korn** at 635-5340.

NOSTALGIA CONCERT

The JCC Singers will be performing at Forest Hill Place, Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave., on Tuesday, Dec. 17. This nostalgia concert begins at 2 p.m.

Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday, Dec. 17, session of the T'nach Study Group will focus on the Book of Samuel Part II, Chapter XV, with lecturer **Jack Burke**. The group meets at 8:15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18, two members will report on their research — **Bill Gladstone** on The Evolution of a Family Tree, and **Dr. Rolf Lederer** on Genealogical Gems.

The time is 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For information, call **Peter Cullman** at 964-2196 (office) or 756-7856 (home).

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. The next meeting takes place Dec. 18.

For more information, contact **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at 229-2600.

Thursday, Dec. 19

CONCERT FOR THE FAMILY

The North York Symphony, conducted by **Kerry Stratton**, is presenting a holiday concert for the family on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Soloist is **Norman Engel**, trumpet, and special guests are the North York Symphony Youth Orchestra under the baton of **Jan Szot**.

Tickets are $16.50. The box office number is 630-6752.

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

The movie *Crimes and Misdemeanors* will be reviewed by **Heather Kassell** on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Place, Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave.

Admission is free but reservations are requested as space is limited. Call **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

And What Else Is New...

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

On view at the Koffler Gallery is the exhibition Lounging Ladies by **Cynthia Kemerer**. The installation is the result of two years spent in Ethiopia.

Morality Tales, recent oils, prints and drawings by **Margie Kelk**, is on display in the Loggia Gallery.

Both exhibits continue through Jan. 15. The Koffler Gallery is located at 4588 Bathurst St.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario branch, comprising 14 Conservative Sisterhoods, honored two Women of Achievement at the annual Torah Fund Teach-In breakfast program. Bebe Ganz (2nd from right) received the award from Rabbi Louis Schechter (right) of Beth Sholom Synagogue. With them is guest speaker Rabbi Mitchell Cohen (left), director, Camp Ramah-Canada, and Jean Bernholtz, Ontario branch president. Ontario branch vice-presidents Bea Muroff (centre) and Suzanne Agassee are seen in the background. The second recipient Edythe Morris was not present. [Mollie Rothman photo].

REUNION

The Toronto chapter of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity held its 1991 reunion dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel recently. Fraternity brothers from as early as 1929 to present day members attended the evening in honor of alumnus Jack Fine, who was awarded the Big Pi Award for outstanding leadership and accomplishment both in the fraternity and the community. Shown above, George Beck (left), national executive director of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity presents the award to Fine (centre). Assisting in the presentation is his brother George Fine.

REFLECT, REFRACT, RADIATE

The women's study program of Ohr Somayach Thornhill has a bonus lecture series for women who are able to attend morning classes. There has been a demand for a lecture class that involves in-depth Torah study and the application of insightful scholarly literature in combination. **Shaindel Eisenberger** will lead these classes entitled Reflect, Refract, Radiate — Effects of Torah on Our Lives.

Classes will be held Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. in the Ohr Somayach wing, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, commencing Dec. 18. There is no admission fee. Babysitting is provided. For registration and information, phone **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

MELAVA MALKA

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., invites you to a melava malka featuring **Rabbi Yosaif Gansburg**, education director of Chabad Lubavitch, whose topic will be The Role of Chassidus and the Place of a Rebbe in the Modern World.

The date is Saturday, Dec. 21, at the synagogue. The introduction will be given by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**. This event is for both men and women. There is no admission charge.

KOLEL WINTER PROGRAM

Registration is now on for the winter program of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Kolel is an affiliate of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, an adult education centre offering a unique opportunity for men and women to study traditional texts together.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 13 and include Talmud, Dispute and Dialogue, Haggadah, Megillat Esther, Sin and Salvation: A Jewish View, and Bereshit. There are text studies in Hebrew and English, and home study groups are now being formed. For a complete brochure, call 660-3154.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre needs you to help as "meal assistance" during breakfast, lunch and dinner! Hands-on training is given.

If you can spare a couple of hours a day to volunteer, then please call 785-2850 now!

WINTER ART CLASSES

Registration is now open for the following courses at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art — raku and potters wheel, handbuilding, teen potters wheel, drawing, painting, advanced watercolor, life drawing, cartooning, clay sculpture with a model, stone sculpture, mixed media art for children, children's ceramics.

For more information on these classes, contact **Rose Brinder**, director, Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art, 4588 Bathurst St., phone 636-1880, ext. 269, or 636-2145.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Jewish Cancer Support Group has resumed sessions at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. This program of education, support and personal growth is open to Jewish cancer patients and their families. Lectures, group discussions, as well as coping techniques are among the topics discussed and explored.

The group is led by professional facilitators and is under the auspices of Bikur Cholim. The cost is $30 for each series of six sessions. For more information on times and topics, call **Rachel** at 782-6908.

JEWISH FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops beginning in January: Aer-

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obics of the Heart and Mind (for singles); Parenting: Our Challenge in the '90s (parenting teens, preschoolers, stepchildren, adopted children); Widows/Widowers; and One Marriage/Two Religions (for engaged and /or newly married couples from different religions).

For further information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at JF & CS at 638-7800.

OVERLAND LEARNING CENTRE

Overland Learning Centre, a community-based learning centre under the auspices of North York Board of Education, offers a wide variety of general interest courses. Take this opportunity to learn something new this winter and call the centre at 444-0347 for further details.

at the JCC

The JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., offers a wide range of quality adult/child (6 months to 3 years), pre-school (3 to 5 years), and children's (5 to 14 years) programs.

Registration for Bloor Y winter programs has begun. However phone registration will not be accepted until Jan. 2. (payment for phone registration is by Visa or Mastercard only). Call 924-6211.

Winter Fun Days for ages 5-10 at the JCC Bloor Y will run Monday, Dec. 23 (Dangerous Dragons and Other Flying Things); Tuesday, Dec. 24, (Make an Instrument and Write a Song); Monday, Dec. 30, (Just for the Art of It I); Tuesday, Dec. 31, (Real Pizza Pizzazz); Thursday, Jan. 2, (Winter Legends), and Friday, Jan. 3 (Just for the Art of It II). The time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the fee is $25 per day. Pre-registration is necessary. Call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

Gymnastics Winter Camp for ages 8-14 features instruction on floor routines, bars, trampoline and vault. Included are swimming and gymnastic videos. The dates are Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 23 and 24; Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31; Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2 and 3. The time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is $55 for two days, $110 for four days and $160 for six days. Call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

Bloor Y Twentysomething Downtowners Club presents dessert and the Rolling Stones on Imax on Sunday, Dec. 22. Meet at 750 Spadina Ave. at 2 p.m. The cost is $21. Reservations and payment must be made by Monday, Dec. 16. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Find out about Bloor's Theatre Goers, a new group for 33 to 45-year-olds. To get on the mailing list, and for more information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Bloor Y's Centrefest art show and sale takes place Sunday, March 22. Organizers are looking for students and amateur artists to exhibit art work. For more information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

The JCC North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. For more information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

The JCC Valley Singles Connection is holding a dance at the valley on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. The cost of $8 includes deejay, dancing, light refreshments and cash bar...Singles Connection invites you to walk through Sunnybrook Park on Sundays. Come to the main entrance of the Inn on the Park at 11 a.m. and ask for **Marlene**. For information, call **Nurit** at above number.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

The learning experiences program sponsored by **Senior Adult Services** at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., is presenting a program on Health and Drugs with **George McCay** on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 1-2:30 p.m. There is no charge for members, 50 cent charge for non-members. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, **Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 Plus** invites all interested friends to hear **Sonny Goldstein** speak on Making the Most of Retirement...Financially. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. There is no charge.

Current event discussions take place at **North York Community House**, 3101 Bathurst St., every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. In addition, the second part of the two-part discussion on Tips to Improve Safety in the Community, offered in co-operation with **Senior Care**, takes place Thursday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. For information, call 784-0920.

Come with the **Young at Heart Seniors** for a Miami vacation for one, two or three months at the Lombardy Hotel. A special package cost of $1, 755 (Jan. 30-March 3) includes deluxe medical insurance and cancellation and more. A meeting is set for Monday, Dec. 16, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais-Yehuda Synagogue, Tessler Hall, 100 Elder St. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 or 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the new senior citizen club Hadar, which meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Room 103, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. For more information, call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

The LZA Seniors Club continues its activities — some in Toronto and some in Florida. Part of the five, seven and nine-week and three-month trips to Miami includes lunches, teas, special dinners and shows. For those who remain in Toronto, daily activities continue such as games, cards, chess, suffleboard with light lunches served.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The multi-media crafts series with **Sally Blackman** concludes on Monday, Dec. 16, with Sharing Day. Share your knowledge of a special craft with the group. The time is 1-2:30 p.m...Current events discussions are led by **Doug Haddow** every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 in Rooms A and B...**Cantor Marshall Reiss** and **Paul Mathew** will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the assembly room.

Earl Bales Seniors Club upcoming events include a dance on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7-10 p.m. in the clubhouse (members free, non-members $1); a proposed trip to Niagara Falls for members only Tuesday, Dec. 17, departing 2 p.m. ($15); a movie on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse (members free, non-members $1); a Sunday dance with a live band on Dec. 22 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre ($3 members, $4 non-members); a New Year's eve dinner and dance with full course dinner, entertainment and door prizes on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to midnight ($28 members, $30 non-members)...Ongoing courses offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education are bridge, fitness and wellness, ballroom and line dancing. Also, those interested in playing mah jong or in volunteering to look after the activity are asked to call the club office at 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is holding a medical program on Monday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. with **Bob Pritchard** of Shoppers Drug Mart, on the subject of use and abuse of drugs, co-ordinating with foods, and vitamins...Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education include dancersize, Tai Chi, line dancing, and Coping with Life with **Harriet Sharkey**. Call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), is featuring guest speaker **Michael Jacot**, author of *The Last Butterfly* on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. The charge of $1 includes refreshments. Also, the club offers the following programs in conjunction with Toronto Board of Education continuing education — knitting, bridge, fitness, current events, folk dancing, ceramics. Programs run Monday to Thursday. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

Dance, listen and sing along at the Seniors' Big Band Dance presented by the City of North York on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2-5 p.m. at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St. Admission is free.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Meetings are for members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served. The Dec. 12 program is a Chanukah celebration featuring a musical evening with **Arlene Miller** at the piano.

Dance to the live music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. The charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Dec. 18 presents an afternoon of music and songs with **Lillian Kelts**. The time is 1:30 p.m. Refreshments are served after the entertainment. The charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

About People

RABBI OF RICHMOND-SURREY

Rabbi Yitzchak Schochet was inducted as rabbi of the prestigious Jewish community of Richmond-Surrey, in South London, by the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain **Jonathan Sacks**. Over 400 people attended the ceremony on Nov. 24., including numerous religious and civic dignitaries.

The young and charismatic rabbi, son of Toronto's **Rabbi and Mrs. Immanuel Schochet**, is continuing an unbroken family chain of rabbis, going back many centuries. He was born and raised in Toronto and received his rabbinical ordination in the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Since assuming his duties last July, the new rabbi has had an impressive impact upon Richmond and the neighboring communities of Sheen, Twickenham and Wimbledon, already substantially increasing the membership of the synagogue.

BAR-ILAN PRIZE WINNER

Toronto author/bookseller **David Mendel Harduf**, who was awarded a Bar-Ilan University prize for scriptures ($50,000 U.S.) in July 1990, has published 28 books, his latest being **Transliterated English-Yiddish, Yiddish-English Dictionary**.

This 672-page paperback volume can be purchased for $25 through Harduf Books, 11 Plum Treeway, Willowdale, M2R 3J1.

KIMELMAN FUNDRAISER

Two hundred and fifty friends and family of the late Marnie Kimelman attended a fundraising reception for the establishment of the Marnie Kimelman Trauma Centre at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, as a memorial to the victim of a terrorist attack on a Tel Aviv beach in July 1990. Twenty "Sponsors" made major contributions to initiate the centre. From left are Eddie and Heather Gilbert, who hosted the reception; Dr. Harold and Linda Kimelman; Dr. Hartley Stern; and guest speaker Dr. Micha Rabau, Ichilov Hospital surgeon.

STUDENT DONATIONS

Holding a check for $500 to United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus is Robbie Diamond (right), seen with his friend Mordechai Katzman, both members of the student council at Or Chaim Yeshiva. The gift represents proceeds from the sale of posters for decorating the sukkah, undertaken by students at the yeshiva. [Graphic Artists photo].

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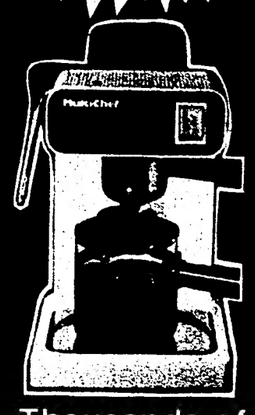

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New Years Eve Dance. Buffet dinner. Live entertainment. 9:00pm. Borochov, 272 Codsell Avenue. $30.00 per person. Reservations by December 27th. Info., 631-7322. 7979

Are you tired of paying ridiculous prices for the same theme. Come to the first "No frills dance and skate party" at **Key West**, on December 24 from 8 p.m. Tickets are a mere **7 bucks**. Hot **freebees**! Must have a ticket to enter. For more info. call 771-8409 (bring skates). 8012

Metro Toronto Singles presents our largest party of the year, and possibly our largest ever. **Tuesday, December 24th.** 7:00pm. (Christmas Eve). Our 6th annual Chanukah Party at **Berlin** and **Yuk-Yuk's Uptown.** Both parties are at 2335 Yonge Street, North of Eglinton Avenue. 2 parties for the price of 1. Yuk-Yuk's downstairs and Berlin upstairs. Cover $15.00. For information **222-7111. 750 people expected** this year. 7932

Dance. Live entertainment. Singles and couples welcomed. 30 and up. 8:00pm. Women free until 9:00pm. $8.00. Borochov, 272 Codsell Avenue. Info. 631-7322. 7976

Singles... La Party Strikes Again!!! Thursday, December 19th. 8:00pm. The Club Bluenote, 128 Pears Avenue. Cover $10.00. Incredible live entertainment. **Prizes**- Grand prize a trip to Florida at deluxe tennis/golf resort courtesy of Algonquin Travel, Canadian Holidays and Saddlebrook Resort. Donations being made to Children's Wish Foundation. La... C. Usher, D. Kerbel, L. Goodman Production. 7761

Please join **Adath Israel Singles (Ages 30-50)** for its next session of its **Ongoing Torah Study Class** on Tuesday, December 17, 1991, at 8:00pm at the Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview. Question the purpose of life. Learn about the past so we can live in the present. For further information, contact Rabbi Sheldon Korn at 635-5340. 7980

The North East Valley Singles Connection invites you to our **"Warm Up To Winter"** singles dance. Join us on Sunday December 15, 1991, 8:00pm, at 7015 Leslie Street. Admission is $8.00 and includes D.J., Dancing, Light Refreshments and Cash Bar. Cost is $8.00 per person. For more information call Nurit at 889-0813. 8023

Adath Israel Singles (Ages 30-50) is having an **Oneg Shabbat** on Friday, December 13, 1991 at 8:00pm at the Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue. Shabbat service followed by Paul Watson, Toronto Star Reporter speaking on **"Male/Mail Order Spouses- Exploitation or G-d-send"**, followed by refreshments and social hour.

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New Image 50 Plus. Sunday, December 15th, 8:00pm at Earl Bales Community Centre. Tapes by **Murray Jacobs**. Paid up members $2.00, guests $3.00. Refreshments. Come and enjoy, everyone welcome! 8026

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Metro Toronto Singles presents Singles Night at **The Spruce Goose**, 130 Eglinton Avenue East (East of Yonge Street). **Sunday, December 15th.** 8:00pm. A complimentary Spruce Goose Beer for the first fifty people. Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information. 7900

Jewish student journalists meet at GA

By
ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD

TORONTO —

Be Strong, Be Strong, and Let us Strengthen Each Other was the theme of the Council of Jewish Federations 60th General Assembly (GA) in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20-24.

With representation from most major Jewish communities throughout North America, the Jewish leaders spent the five days in sessions cultivating ideas and working toward bettering the situation for Jews worldwide.

A new addition to the GA, Do the Write Thing (DTWT), a gathering of Jewish student journalists, held its second consecutive conference. One hundred and five students took part in DTWT, representing several on and off campus publications. It was a rare opportunity for Jewish student journalists to meet and discuss concerns facing the campus media, from a Jewish perspective.

For many GA attendees, the Special Plenary, with an address by Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, was the highlight. Shamir chose the GA as the arena for his historic speech on the peace process where he clearly stated the importance of uniting the Jewish people. As well, the prime minister emphasized the one area where there can be no compromise — Jerusalem.

In a seminar entitled Our Relationship to Israel, participants were encouraged to increase relations with Israel and Israelis living in the Diaspora. Many speakers throughout the GA recommended including Israelis in the organized structure of the Jewish community so that members of the community can learn and benefit from their involvement. Stephen Solender, New York's executive vice-president of United Jewish Appeal/Federation, commented on the topic.

"We need to intensify our people-to-people relationships with our brothers and sisters in Israel."

He went on to add a word about the younger generation. "After meeting with the Jewish students last night, I realize we haven't made a serious effort. You could have wept. It is going to be a high price to pay if we don't invest. Most communities only give lip service and token support."

Because an overwhelming majority of Jewish university students choose not to affiliate Judaically in any way, the active students present at the GA took the opportunity to voice their concerns. When questioned by certain panelists as to why they were taking over the microphone in the question periods, the students responded collectively that this is the one chance for them to speak when the organized establishment is forced to listen.

The message came loud and clear from both the American and Canadian student contingents: If the programming dollars to Jewish student organizations are continually slashed, the numbers of active students will diminish and a source for future leaders of the Jewish community will cease to exist.

The participants from DTWT came away inspired to found new Jewish student papers, encouraged to contribute to existing publications and endowed with a better understanding of themselves as writers and as Jewish activists.

"I think the biggest thing I can get out of this is increased enthusiasm to contribute to the Jewish press and to include Jewish issues in my campus press," said Evan Ringer of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.

One DTWT session which dealt with free speech on campus was of particular interest to the students. For the most part, the consensus was that it is extremely difficult to decide what is acceptable.

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, Hillel director at UCLA, commented "The understanding is absent. Jewish students feel rightly abandoned. A proper response would be for some of the professors to take on the necessary leadership roles."

Some specific examples of problems on campus were mentioned by members of the audience. Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Centre, Washington, DC, claimed that on one campus Palestinian students spread out an Israeli flag on the ground at the entrance ramp of a building where student registration was taking place. It was the only way of entering the building and students were then "invited" to walk over the flag to register.

DTWT attempted to offer students a wide variety of programming on all aspects of the media. Dana Melmed, DTWT co-ordinator, felt that DTWT was "a complete success even before it started because I had calls from across North America enquiring about the program. We were reaching an audience and speaking a language journalists could understand."

Shaliach helps with decision

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"I see the light in their eyes," says Ofer Gavish, Toronto's aliyah shaliach, speaking of people who come to his office wanting to make aliyah to a kibbutz in Israel.

Many of these aliyah prospects are young people who hate city life and want something different, says Gavish. Given the vast difference between life on a kibbutz and life in a large North American city, what can be done to increase the chances for a successful aliyah?

Start by asking a lot of questions, Gavish advises potential olim. Read books; do research. Spend some time working on a kibbutz to find out what it's really like before you make a long-term commitment.

Adapting to life on a kibbutz may require a lot of patience, says Gavish. "If you make a small mistake, everyone will know about it." It's easier not to share your life, Gavish points out, but most people find that the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

Easier adjustment

"I think it makes the adjustment easier going to a kibbutz, says Naomi Kendall who, along with her husband Gerry, will be making aliyah to Kibbutz Beit Hashita next summer. "In a group of people it's more like a family. I feel more protected that way."

Despite that feeling, the Kendalls say they're being realistic. "There are pros and cons to everything," says Naomi. "It's not the Garden of Eden.

Some North Americans think they'll lose their individuality, their freedom, if they move to a kibbutz, says Shuli Dichter of the Kibbutz Aliyah desk. The kibbutz doesn't tell anyone what to do, he says.

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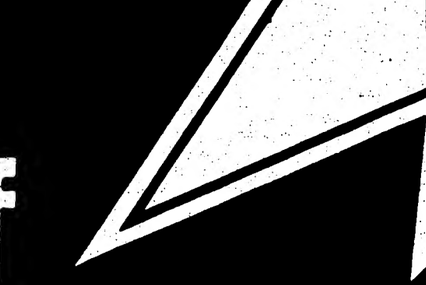

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Canadian Jews celebrate Chanukah

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader of the Soviet Jewish emigre community in Metro, welcomed children to the Chanukah party for recent Soviet immigrants, held at Council House. The party was sponsored by Hadar Study Branch and World Jewry Committee of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (Toronto Section), the Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada, the Russian Integration Committee of the Jewish Women's Federation and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the JCC. [Ron Csillag photo]

On Chanukah, Chabad erected a menorah on Parliament Hill, the first time anywhere in the Diaspora that a menorah was lit outside the national legislative building.

Kael Shriar (left) and Mindy Goodman, volunteers with Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Committee, helped to host a Chanukah and volunteer recognition party last week for persons with AIDS or with the HIV virus.

Russsian and Canadian children celebrate Chanukah at a party sponsored by the Russian Integration Committee of the Jewish Women's Federation and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the JCC.

B.C.'s Harcourt joins in festivities

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

British Columbia's new premier, Mike Harcourt, has been a helping hand in the Jewish community's celebration of Chanukah.

The premier participated in the dedication of a giant menorah at the entrance to the Vancouver Art Gallery, at another huge menorah in suburban Richmond and in the candle-lighting at a menorah in the rotunda of the Parliament building in Victoria. All the events were arranged by Lubavitch British Columbia.

The menorah in front of the art gallery was designed by renowned Israeli artist Yaacov Agam. It's 32 feet high and 26 feet wide, made of aluminum, weighs 1,200 pounds and is claimed to be the world's largest. It was built by Famatech Industries and transported to the gallery in three sections. The Vancouver menorah is a duplicate of one by Agam in Beverly Hills, Calif., except that it's 5 feet taller and 2 feet wider.

"We placed this dramatic structure in a high traffic area, both foot and auto, so it attracted a lot of attention," said Rabbi Yitzchak Wineberg, head of Lubavitch B.C.

The outdoor event included live music by the Simchaphonics and cantors Murray Nixon and Arye Katzir. Candles were supplied to all in attendance.

The Richmond menorah, which is 28 feet high, was designed by noted Canadian architect Arthur Erickson. It was manufactured by Ebco Industries and donated to Eitz Chaim Synagogue. Prominent community leader Joe Segal joined the premier in lighting the menorah.

Lighting a menorah in the rotunda of the Parliament building is mandated by B.C. government protocol, and the tradition was carried on by the new premier with members of the government.

Other Lubavitch menorahs were located at Oakridge Centre, the Kerrisdale branch of the Bank of B.C., the Peace Arch Park near the U.S. border, Vancouver City Hall, Granville Island Market, Scottsdale Mall and Whistler Village Square.

Associated Hebrew Day School's bet hayeled (nursery) class at the Clark branch held a parent-student Chanukah sing-a-long last week, followed by latkes and doughnuts. [Ron Csillag photo]

Chandler new head of local school board

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Elsa Chandler, a public school trustee in North York since 1975 and prominent figure on the Jewish education scene, has been elected chairman of the North York Board of Education.

Chandler, 60, defeated her closest opponent, Ward 5 trustee Errol Young, in last week's vote by her peers during the board's annual meeting.

Ward 10 trustee Darlene Scott was elected vice-chairman.

Chandler will continue as Ward 4 trustee and will automatically represent North York on the Metropolitan Toronto School Board (MTSB).

In fact, all the North York representatives on the Metro Toronto board will be Jewish: Chandler, Young, Ward 9 trustee Shelley Stillman, Ward 8 trustee Gerry Gershon and Mae Waese, Ward 7 trustee and current MTSB chairman.

More school board accountability to the public will be a priority for Chandler, she told *The CJN*.

"There's been a lot of criticism about literacy and mathematics. Those must be addressed," she said.

Chandler supports public funding of the non-religious curricula in Jewish day schools. "People are hurting," she said, "and costs are soaring."

Canadian Jewish Congress is leading a court challenge to the provincial government's refusal to fund alternative and independent education.

Chandler has also been instrumental in getting Holocaust education into several North York high school courses.

In her inaugural address, Chandler outlined her priorities for North York classrooms:

- expanding the use of technology;
- more professional artists working with students;
- more anti-racist education;
- addressing the needs of adult and heritage education, child care and multicultural services;
- and renovating or replacing old buildings.

Elsa Chandler

A child survivor of the Holocaust, Chandler was born in Lvov, which was then in Poland and is now in the Ukraine.

When the Germans entered the city in 1941, her father was taken away and never seen again.

Chandler, her mother and brother were taken to the Jewish ghetto in Cracow and to a series of other ghettos and transit camps.

They eventually ended up at Bergen-Belsen, where her mother died of typhoid.

Chandler came to Canada in 1948 and spent a year in a sanitorium near Hamilton because she had tuberculosis.

She serves on the board of directors of Bialik Hebrew Day School and is involved with the Reena Foundation, ORT, Hadassah-WIZO and the Board of Jewish Education.

Last month, Chandler, a mother of four and grandmother of two, helped open the We Were Children Just Like You photographic exhibit at the North York Board of Education. The display, which closes Dec. 18, is dedicated to the 1.5 million children murdered in the Holocaust.

Lubavitch pays tribute to active community leader

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
The 13th Annual Grand Draw of the Chabad Lubavitch Organization of Southern Ontario, held recently at the Park Plaza Hotel, was dedicated to a community worker and long-time supporter of the Lubavitch movement, Jack Schwartz.

More than 1,300 people contributed to the bar mitzvah year draw. Friends, colleagues and numerous friends honored the soft-spoken and unassuming honoree who spearheaded the establishment of this yearly event.

Speaking of the "continuous escalations of costs," Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum, the executive vice-president of Chabad Lubavitch explained that the money raised from the draw goes to educational programs including summer camps, adult education, publications and other programs "in all segments of the Jewish community which contribute to the enhancement of quality of Jewish life."

Alex Richman, the master of ceremonies for the evening and a co-chairman of the annual draw with Barry Appleby, acknowledged the attendance of newly elected Toronto mayor June Rowlands.

Richman told *The CJN* that "working on behalf of my very good friend Jack was not an effort, but a pleasure, especially to see the overwhelming and sell-out success of the function to honor him. I know of no one more deserving of an honor than Jack Schwartz."

Schwartz, who retired from active business with Metro Textiles, now headed by his friend Michael Harris, has devoted his life to helping the disadvantaged. He serves as a Jewish chaplain at the Toronto Western and Doctors hospitals. He has assisted many synagogues and retains membership in numerous congregations both downtown and uptown.

Schwartz, who has been described by his friends as "a pillar of strength and inspiration" says, "I am not a Chassid, however, I respect the Lubavitch's way of life — of perpetuating Jewish values and traditions. It has been very gratifying for me to observe their existing programs in awakening the Jewish flame."

Rebbetzin Esther Grossbaum, wife of Rabbi Grossbaum, made a presentation of roses to the honoree's wife, Rose Schwartz. Rose was also presented with a citation from Lubavitch by her brother-in-law Saul Schwartz who than made a special presentation to his brother Jack. On behalf of Lubavitch, the honoree was presented with tallis and tefillin in "appreciation for his Torah values and his keen interest in the growth of Yiddishkeit."

In response, the honoree said "I am most grateful to all of you who have honored me by not giving me a fountain pen as a bar mitzvah year present but rather, having your pens doing the writing on your cheques to an organization most worthy of your support.

"I want to assure each and everyone that you are getting full value and the best returns for your investment." He gave special thanks to his wife and three daughters, Sheila, Rhonda and Susan for their efforts in making the evening "an overwhelming success."

Appleby called on Rabbi Feller to draw the winning tickets, The winners were: Albert Cole, $1,800, Louis Zeifman, $3,600, Gary Goldfarb of Bratty and Partners, $5,400 and David Nisker, $18,000.

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Organizations and People

Jewish couples mark 70 years of marriage

Fay and Harvie Morris on their wedding day and (right) the Morrises 70 years later.

Morrises celebrate early

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

It was a grand night for dancing and celebrating — six score and 10 years later.

Almost 70 years after Fay and Harvie Morris were married on Jan. 29, 1922 at the Philpot Street Synagogue in London, England, the music played and the champagne flowed as 170 members of their family and friends celebrated the 70th anniversary at a buffet dinner at Toronto's Sutton Place Hotel. (Many of their guests will be away in January, so the party was held in November.)

Stepping off the elevators at Stop 33, you knew you were in for some wonderful surprises as you were greeted with color slides of Fay and Harvie at their wedding in 1922 and a current slide of them projected onto the floor-to-ceiling waterfall. A quartet, headed by pianist Don Thompson, played soft, traditional melodies of the American and English musical theatre.

Still beaming like a bride, sprightly and energetic, Fay, 88, and her soft-spoken Harvie, 90, greeted their guests. The secret of their longevity, says Fay, is their vegetarian natural hygiene and fitness lifestyle and they credit their happiness to "laughter and hope and things to look forward to."

With a twinkle in her eyes, Fay says, "We're looking forward to the happy 100." Known as the "galloping grandmother" for her award-winning accomplishments at the North branch of the Jewish Community Centre, Fay works out there six mornings a week. A lover of music, she began taking piano lessons at 70 and voice lessons at 80. Harvie does a daily workout at the Inn on the Park. A car comes to pick them up at 5:20 a.m. every morning.

With charm and affection, Michael Noorden, their grandson-in-law handled his MC duties with aplomb, humor and dash.

In a moving tribute to his parents, Gerry Morris, a feature writer for the theatrical journal of the New York Friars Club and the New York theatre critic for *The Canadian Jewish News*, told of his parents' love story and the hardships they overcame.

Fay had to leave school at age 12 to work as a seamstress for her father who was a "gent's tailor." At 14, Harvie left school to learn the tailoring business from his father. Their fathers made the shidduch and the couple met on Armistice Day, 1918. Gerry was born in England and shortly after the Morrises arrived in Canada in 1924, their daughter Helen (Pearl) was born.

Gerry recalled that when he was a young boy, and saw his mother working for 25 cents an hour, 10 hours a day as a seamstress, he told her, "Mom, one day, I'll make you a queen." He added, "Nothing I could do could ever make her more a queen than she has always been." He noted that his father who lives without tiresome pretensions, "is an equally royal man."

Gerry quipped, "My father pretends to live in my mother's shadow." He quoted his father, "Fay and I have a perfect understanding. I don't try to run her life — and I don't try to run mine."

Gerry quoted his friend Cecil Linder, "Your parents make growing old look awfully easy." And the Morrises make being married for 70 years look easy, and that is part of their phenomenal success.

Ending his tribute to his parents, Gerry sang *Young at Heart* to which his mother made an unscheduled performance as she joined him for a duet. It is this spontaneity that makes Fay Morris refreshingly impulsive and young at heart.

Their granddaughter, Julie Noorden, who produces TV commercials, presented a nostalgic, 15-minute documentary on her grandparents lives which she had prepared for their 60th anniversary. The Morrises have four grandchildren. Julie is one of two sets of twins.

The Morris' daughter Helen made a loving toast to her parents. Messages of congratulations poured in from around the world including one from Queen Elizabeth and one from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Abeles still maintain their affection

Lea and Ida Abeles

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Seventy years ago, on Oct. 30, 1921, at Orenstein's Restaurant in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, Leo and Ida Abeles were married. The officiating rabbi was Dr. Kolinsky.

And on a recent Sunday, family and friends from far and near gathered at Temple Anshe Sholom for an open house in the couple's honor.

The Abeles are among the oldest members of Anshe Sholom and settling down to an interview in their neat little bungalow in the city's west end, Leo wonders if there's anyone else in the congregation "who has lived so long."

Both he and Ida are 93. Ida is a little frail now and Leo doesn't hear quite as well as he used to. But, other than that, Leo is hale and hearty and it's a matter of great pride that when he finally gave up driving last year, "I still had all my points!"

There's an endearing twinkle in his eye and when he looks across at his wife, the affection they share is evident.

Beside Ida sits daughter Minna Loewith, who helps fill in where memory fails.

Though life has dealt them some cruel blows — their daughter Hannah died of cancer 10 years ago and while Leo's family escaped the Holocaust, of Ida's large family only seven survived — "my parents were very fortunate in many respects. They led a good life," says Minna.

Leo was born in Hlas, Ida in Blisowa, small villages about three kilometres apart in the vicinity of Pilsen.

Both came from farming families, and though Jews were not permitted to own land, they were able to rent large estates from the nobility, which they operated.

The few Jewish families there were in the area all knew each other. The children attended Czech high schools, religious instruction was given privately at home and services were held "in a house of prayer," five kilometres away.

Life was good in those days and the couple prospered. In 1925, they moved to Blisova, where Leo operated two estates and by the time he was 40, "I had enough money to retire," he says.

But the year was 1938, and with their part of Czechoslovakia ceded to Hitler under the Munich Agreement, "overnight . . . I was penniless," he recalls.

His older brother, Karl, persuaded Canadian immigration authorities to grant them, and other family members, visas on condition they agreed to farm for a minimum of five years.

(Probably, Minna interjects here, "they didn't think we were Jews. They obviously never thought Jews were farmers.")

And so, in November 1938, a group of 39 relatives and friends, including Leo, Ida, Minna, 15, and Hannah, 12, arrived in Hamilton, Ont. Also among the 39 was Minna's future husband, Joe Loewith.

The entire group's first home here was a barren, neglected farm in Mount Hope purchased by Karl and another uncle, relates Minna. There was one farm house, no water and they had to fill up milk cans borrowed from neighbors. And for supper that first cold, damp November evening in their new home "we had frozen apples and potatoes."

Gradually, with money lent by Canadian Jewish Congress, two, three and sometimes four families would band together to buy a farm and the group began to split up.

The Abeles first rented a farm in Waterdown, then joined with their cousin Alois Popper in the purchase of a 150-acre dairy farm in Mount Hope, which remained in the Popper family's possession until three years ago.

Leo joined seed business

Those were tough times. Leo worked hard on the land and Ida, besides her domestic chores, looking after the chickens and helping in the fields, also peddled eggs.

When he became allergic "to everything I worked with," Leo joined the seed business founded by Karl, who, Leo proudly says, was to become the first, and so far only, Jew named to the Ontario Farmers' Hall of Fame for his "valuable contribution to Canadian agriculture" and who was described by one newspaper as "the most important immigrant of his generation."

Following Karl's death, Leo became president of Greenlands Seeds, remaining with the company until his retirement in the mid-'80s.

There have been four trips to Israel but now they live quietly, watching TV, taking little walks, spending their winters in Florida with Minna and Joe.

They're proud of their five married grandchildren, their 13 great-grandchildren and "the highlight of our days," says Leo, "is when we go to the farm." That's the farm run by Joe and his two award-winning sons, Carl and David.

London takes over Women's ORT

TORONTO —

Lydia London was officially installed as national president of Women's Canadian ORT (WCO) at the organization's recent 20th Biennial Convention here. She took over the national presidency from Joann Smith, and will head WCO for a two-year term.

Also elected at WCO's national convention was the new national executive committee, headed by Edie Glazer of Toronto as first vice-president and treasurer, with vice-presidents Babette Barkoff and Priva Drimer of Montreal, Karen Rubin and Marilyn Somers of Toronto, and Lane Stein of Vancouver. Nancy Golberg of Montreal is the financial secretary, Nadja Rosa of Hamilton the corresponding secretary, April Katz and Yael Wollach, both of Victoria, are members-at-large.

"Lydia London is positive, strong and focused," says immediate past president Joann Smith. "Her many years with ORT have provided her with a clear perspective on the issues facing the organization."

London moved to Toronto in 1969 with husband Steve and 1-year-old Andrea. "I joined ORT and have never looked back since," she says. Daughter Marnie was born in Toronto.

Balancing the needs of her family with the demands of her professional and volunteer responsibilities, London, who is a licensed insurance broker and executive administrator with the Gordon Group, has risen through the ranks of ORT. She began as a chapter member of Toronto ORT and rose to become vice-president of the Toronto region. Co-opted to the national executive in 1982, she served as corresponding secretary and recording secretary. Calling on her strong professional skills, she became national financial secretary and then national treasurer, a portfolio she relinquished to become president of Women's Canadian ORT.

"I feel privileged to be embarking on this new and exciting phase of my ORT commitment," London said in her acceptance speech at the national convention. "These are momentous times. Between Operation Exodus and Operation Solomon, Israel has taken in over 200,000 men, women and children in the span of one year. The burdens on ORT-Israel have been immense in terms of accommodation, language, education and retraining."

The new national president's goals are to enhance public awareness and support for ORT's work, to increase membership across Canada, and to raise funds for ORT's non-profit network of vocational schools in Israel and around the world.

Lydia London

Discovery Tour explains hospital's facilities

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Business entrepreneur and fundraiser extraordinaire Michelle Levy and her husband Michael, an investor, recently led a "Discovery Tour" at the Reichmann Research Building at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, to acquaint their guests with the research facility at Sunnybrook on Bayview Avenue.

Levy says that when she visited the research centre, she was so impressed by "the sophisticated technology, its equipment and the high level of qualification and commitment of the staff," that she decided to work for Sunnybrook.

The guided tour was structured to introduce the visitors to several departments within the Reichmann Research Building which was officially opened last spring and named for the Reichmann family in recognition of a substantial gift.

Levy, who is active in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation told *The CJN*, "Sunnybrook is currently developing strong programs in medical imaging, trauma, aging, cancer, clinical epidemiology and general research, areas chosen specifically for their complementary clinical base within the hospital."

Dr. Mark Henkleman, vice-president of the research department of Sunnybrook, who was previously at Princess Margaret Hospital, heads the research activities.

The first stop on the tour was the Magnetic Resonance (MR) Centre in the Medical Physics department. Dr. Michael Bronskill, the program director explained that medical imaging has led to better screening, diagnosis and treatment of a variety of ailments including cancer.

On-going research

Researchers work closely with radiologists at Sunnybrook to expand knowledge about X-rays, ultra sound and MRI (imaging) and apply that knowledge to patient care. The MRI system allows physicians and researchers to see the human body more clearly than ever before, says Bronskill.

Dr. Geoff Fernie, program director of the aging centre, spoke of the varied on-going research in aging taking place at Sunnybrook. He said that by the year 2031, Canada's senior population will pass 7.5 million — over one-fifth of the population.

"The numbers are staggering, considering that Canada institutionalizes more elderly than any Western nation," says Fernie. He added that the team examines aspects of daily life so seniors can remain independent — preventing or delaying institutionalization.

The program on aging at Sunnybrook is known worldwide for developing and testing sophisticated home aid devices which improve the quality of life for the elderly.

Fernie demonstrated some of the innovative equipment developed at Sunnybrook to assist seniors and caregivers including a Sturdy Grip System. This is a pole designed to help the frail elderly stand up safely. He also demonstrated the use of a Sturdy Portable Lifting device.

Dr. Sandra Brown, who is exploring mental dysfunction, spoke of the research of the long-term outcome of brain damage caused by a stroke. She spoke of the advances in diagnosing Alzheimer's-type diseases and the development of better methods of diagnosing these and other dysfunctions.

Levy explained that the "Discovery of Tours" are part of Sunnybrook's Research Fund Campaign, designed to generate $22 million for research. "But it is even more important to raise public awareness."

David and Bonnie Loewith

Lynden couple named top young farmers

By
MOURA WOLPERT

LYNDEN, Ont. —
David and Bonnie Loewith are the first Jewish Outstanding Young Farmers of Canada.

The couple is one of three chosen annually from among eight regional winners.

The awards ceremony and presentation of the W. R. Motherwell Award, named after Dr. William Richard Motherwell, minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan, 1905-1918, and for Canada, 1921-1930, took place Nov. 11 at the Westin Hotel in Calgary.

The other two winning couples are Casey and Linda Houweling, greenhouse operators from Delta, B.C., and Doug and Heather Hennigar, market gardeners from King's County, N.S.

Begun in 1979, the Canadian Outstanding Young Farmers Program honors and recognizes "the contributions, achievements and success of the farmer or producer."

The program is administered by the Canadian Junior Chamber of Commerce with the support of national sponsor, John Deere Limited.

To qualify, nominees must be between 18 and 40 years, and be farm operators, deriving a minimum of two-thirds of their income from their farm operations.

They must also first compete in their own regions and last spring, Loewith was named Outstanding Young Farmer for the Great Lakes region of Ontario, winning out over nine competitors. (See *CJN* June 5, 1991).

The Loewiths operate a 290 Holstein herd dairy farm on 480 acres southwest of Hamilton. The family-run operation was started by David's parents, Joe and Minna, who came here as refugees from Czechoslovakia in 1918, and also includes David's brother, Carl and his wife, Verna.

David and Bonnie, a family physician, have three children, Naomi, 11, Rachel, 9, and Leonard, 2. They are members of Temple Anshe Sholom and besides being involved in numerous community and agricultural organizations, David is also a vice-president of the JCC.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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An impressive anthology of basic information on a host of Jewish subjects including material about the Bible, rabbinic literature, history, the Holocaust, Jewish rituals, ethics and beliefs, the Hebrew calendar and life-cycle events. Familiarity with the contents of this readable, mini-encyclopedia is a long step on the road to Jewish knowledge.

Words on Fire: One Woman's Journey Into the Sacred by Vanessa Ochs (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $22.95 U.S.).

The author spent a year in Jerusalem studying Torah and trying to reconcile Judaism with her feminist ideals. Despite the restrictions of traditional Judaism, she nevertheless concludes that there is a secure place for women in the realm of sacred learning. This journey into self-understanding is presented in a stimulating and informative fashion.

The Holocaust: The Fate of European Jewry by Leni Yahil (Oxford University Press (paperbound) $21.95).

Winner of the 1991 National Jewish Book Award for Holocaust Studies, this is a monumental and panoramic account. Despite the cascade of volumes on the subject, this brilliant and richly detailed study — thorough and judicious — occupies a pre-eminent and honored place.

Conflicting Visions: Spiritual Possibilities of Modern Israel by Rabbi David Hartman (Schocken Books, $24.95 U.S.).

Hailed as a thoughtful and moderate voice among Israel's rancorous religious and political divisions, Hartmen reflects on his spiritual search for meaning. He argues for a perspective that is grounded in classic Jewish sources, but is also responsive to the concepts of tolerance and religious pluralism.

The Search for God at Harvard: by Ari L. Goldman (Times Books, $20 U.S.).

The author left his post as religious correspondent for *The New York Times* to study comparative religion at the Harvard Divinity School. The result is an illuminating report by a troubled Jew on his findings.

Maus by Art Spiegelman (Random House of Canada, $23.50).

This is the long-awaited sequel to the author's highly original approach to the Holocaust through the medium of the comic strip. Mingling tragic and humorous themes, it follows the protagonist from the barracks of Auschwitz to the bungalows of the Catskills as he confronts an assortment of unexpected problems.

Days of Honey, Days of Onion: The Story of A Palestinian Family in Israel by Michael Gorkin (Oxford University Press, $34.95).

The author, an American psychologist living in Jerusalem, presents an intimate portrait of the complex and difficult lives of a large Arab family. Troubling questions are raised about the place and future of these "invisible" Israelis.

To Know A Woman: by Amos Oz (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $27.95).

Israel's foremost novelist tells the story of a recently widowed and retired Israeli spy who struggles to come to terms with his own emotional inertia, blurred memories of his deceased wife and the needs of his epileptic daughter. Thoughtful, poetic, quietly powerful, *To Know A Woman*, adds to Oz's stature as an astute delineator of Israeli society and the men and women who share its problems and dreams.

Jewish decisions

Chutzpah by Alan M. Dershowitz (Little Brown, $28.95).

This widely debated memoir and polemic by a Harvard law professor covers a variety of Jewish concerns. Often outspoken and abrasive — sometimes unfair and injudicious — it excoriates "establishment" Jewish thinking.

What is a Jewish Joke? by Henry Eilbirt (Jason Aaronson, $30).

This excursion into humor is concerned with how wit derives from the realities of Jewish existence. It also presents a wealth of comic stories and one-liners, old and new.

Lillith's Cave: Jewish Tales of the Supernatural selected and retold by Howard Schwartz (Oxford, $11.95 (paperbound)).

Superbly translated and retold, these 50 Jewish tales range from the ancient Middle East to 12th century Germany to later Eastern European oral traditions.

Ketubbah: Jewish Marriage Contracts of Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum and Klau Library edited by Shalom Sabar (Jewish Publication Society, $78.95).

An elegant volume that discusses and displays more than 250 ketubbot, ranging in origin from the Islamic world, to 16th century Italy to 20th century America. Profusely illustrated both in black and white and in full color, this is among the most beautiful books of this or any season.

Miriam Unger Ben-Ze'ev with one of her paintings.

Israeli Ben-Ze'ev exhibits paintings

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Haifa-born artist Miriam Unger Ben-Ze'ev is a pianist, composer, poet, published novelist, architect and parapsychologist (concerned with psychic phenomena). Her solo exhibition of paintings, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2-8 p.m., reflects these diverse disciplines.

Ben-Ze'ev came here from Israel over a year and a half ago with her husband Avihu, their son and daughter. An older daughter remains in Haifa.

She brought along with her portraits, florals, landscapes and street scenes. Ben-Ze'ev, who paints 18 hours a day, is represented at Gallery Sixty Eight Auctions and has had other displays in Metro, but the exhibition at the Borochov will be her most comprehensive in this country.

Though she has studied music and psychology and holds a degree in architecture from Haifa's Technion Institute, she is mainly a self-taught painter.

However, in 1985 she was accepted into a master course for trained artists with Prof. Hugo Feirman from Belgium and at its conclusion, was awarded first prize for a painting of pine cones. Feirman invited her to exhibit her works in Antwerp and London.

She has been asked to contribute to shows in New York and Los Angeles next summer.

Ben-Ze'ev talks passionately about her work. Nodding toward a painting of her parents which glows with warmth and love, she says: "They were such good people. Every Shabbat, even after the '48 War when there wasn't much food, they set an extra chair or two at the table and we shared whatever we had. They always reached out, saying that it's better to give with a warm hand while you are alive!"

Another portrait emerges from her subconscious. Here, a dreamy young woman looks at her likeness in a mirror. "I thought I was painting from imagination, but friends insist that it is really a picture of my twin sister who died of cancer when she was only 18."

Imaginary characters predominate in her portraits. An old man whom she has never seen, tenderly cradles a bird. Elegant ladies with decorously covered heads are gowned in turn-of-the-century mode. An exotic dark-skinned man, pure invention, looks out from the canvas. For Ben-Ze'ev, a mood or special thought is the catalyst.

Ben-Ze'ev loves people and flowers and life. She paints primarily in oils but also uses acrylics, water colors, pen and ink. Her portraits are always representational, never abstract, but her landscapes can be impressionistic.

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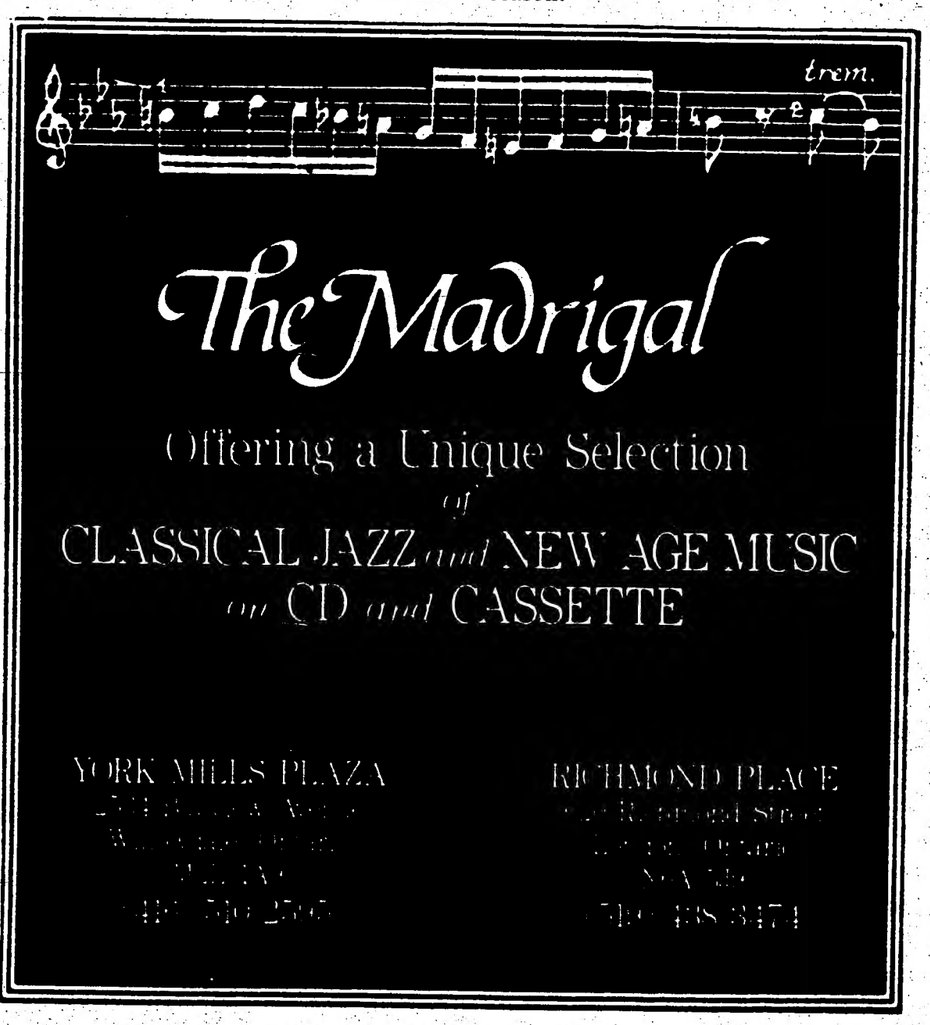

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Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

—This has been a busy month for that loving couple, **Dan Solomon** and **Cylla von Tiedemann,** who work together combining the graphic arts and dance.

Solomon is a 46-year-old, abstract painter, sculptor and designer, who teaches in the Experimental Arts Department of the Ontario College of Art. Four of his painted aluminum sculptures, selling at $2,800 each are currently being exhibited until Jan. 30 at the Klonaridis Gallery, 80 Spadina Ave. near King (360-7800).

Frank Rasky

He recently collaborated with **Robert Desrosiers**, Canada's great dance showman, to design the screwball set for the Desrosiers company's premiere of that hilariously funny work, *Black And White*.

And he and Desrosiers are planning a companion work, tentatively titled *Colors*.

His lady love, Cylla von Tiedemann, is a 38-year-old emigre from Ulm, Germany, who in the last five years has become an extraordinarily imaginative, self-taught photographer specializing in portraits of dancers. Stewart House has just issued the $49.95 breathtakingly beautiful coffee table book, *The Dance Photography of Cylla von Tiedemann*.

Karen Kain

Twenty of her photos, selling for $350 and up, are currently being exhibited until Jan. 19 at the **Jane Corkin** Gallery, 179 John St. (979-1980). And next March, she's collaborating in a unique show, *Reaching Beyond*, opening at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre; it will combine more than 1,000 of her photo slides flashed on a screen while Czech choreographer **Ilka Doubek** performs as a dance soloist.

My favorite of all her photos is her adorable portrait of **Karen Kain** featured in both the souvenir program and cover of the 1992 calendar issued by the National Ballet of Canada. It shows the ageless, 40-year-old ballerina, grinning like a dewy-eyed flower, blossoming forth from the sturdy backs of three fellow dancers.

Kain, incidentally, will star as the Snow Queen opposite **Rex Harrington's** Prince at the Dec. 17 opening of *The Nutcracker* at the O'Keefe Centre (872-2262). It will be the 27th year since **Celia Franca**, the Jewish artistic founding director of the National Ballet, originally choreographed her version of the beloved Tchaikovsky fantasy. While other Toronto critics continue to poohpooh it as a sugar cane comforter for the kiddies, I'll continue to enjoy it as a feast for the eyes and ears.

I bow out with this moving quote from **Allan Gould's** consistently fascinating *What Did They Think Of The Jews?* (Stewart House; 615 pages; $39.95):

"A year after the newborn state was officially recognized in 1948 by the United States, the Chief Rabbi of Israel came to see the President and told him, 'God put you in your mother's womb so that you could be the instrument to bring about the rebirth of Israel after 2,000 years.' At that, great tears started rolling down **Harry Truman's** cheeks."

Celia Franca

Cylla von Tiedemann

Glick concert out of balance

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Srul Irving Glick is one of Canada's foremost musicmakers and CJRT-FM made his prodigious output the focus of the station's annual Canadian Composer Retrospective.

Not only were all the recorded works of Glick played during a week of regular programming, there was also a performance of his compositions held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue where Glick is music director. The live concert kicked off the week's events while a broadcast of this concert on CJRT at the end of the week was the grand finale.

Because all of Glick's works on record were being showcased on the station, the composer and CJRT programmer Paul Robinson deliberately chose pieces for the live concert which had not been captured on disc. They also made every effort to cross styles and periods that would be reflective of the composer's 30 year career.

The first half of the concert was devoted to choral liturgical music performed by the Beth Tikvah Choir, the second half to orchestral works with Robinson leading the CJRT Radio Orchestra. A happier program would have been a mix of the two, but logistics dictated this arrangement as neater — the choir could leave and the orchestra could take its place during the intermission.

Logic, however, is not necessarily the best programmer. The liturgical works turned out to be joyous and uplifting while the orchestral works were heavier and sombre. As a result, the concert was out of balance with its weightier second half. My feeling is that the overall quality of the orchestral works diminished in so dark a company.

Glick writes Jewish music, which is to say, his influences are Jewish and Israeli folk music and traditional Hebrew cantorial nusach. No matter what the intention of the piece, these roots abound. Glick's special gift, however, is layering these influences with his own unique brand of melody and lyricism. The fascination was to see this gift of musical song develop over the span of the concert.

The earliest work, Glick's *Suite Hebraique for Orchestra* which dates from 1961 seemed chained to the ground, dying to take flight but afraid. The composer of 30 years ago was a neophyte craftsman who carefully and deliberately made self-conscious and tentative use of the orchestra. It was almost as if Glick deliberately avoided speed; although the rhythms were discernable in the *Hora*, *Chasidic Dance*, and *Circle Dance* sections in particular, they were stately rather than free. So mid-20th century "English" was the sound of this suite, that if the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams had written Jewish music, his restrained, controlled and repressed style would have produced this work.

Cantor Efraim Sapir, and the exceptionally disciplined Beth Tikvah choir, accompanied by Karen Rymal, piano, Douglas Stewart, flute and Susan Green, cello, made wonderful music with Glick's *Manginot Service*.

It was a joyous mix of cantorial embellishment and floating melodies. Similarly, the choir a cappella rendered the very diverse *Three Liturgical Prayers* with great dispatch. Glick conducted both, and one wonders if the energy and liveliness of these selections was a result of the composer leading the music? In comparison, the bulk of the second half of the concert seemed a fraction too slow off the mark.

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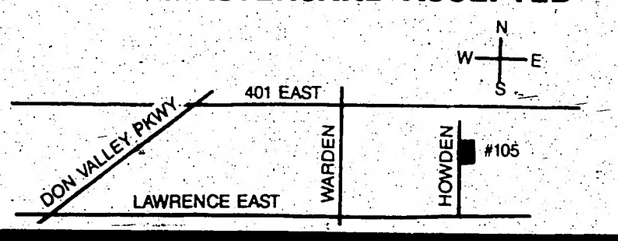

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Arts

Eugene Terreblanche plays with an infant.

South African neo-Nazis focus of documentary

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Eugene Terreblanche lives with the apocalyptic vision that a race war will engulf South Africa, pitting diehard white supremacists like himself against the disenfranchished black, colored and Indian majority.

As leader of the fringe AWB Afrikaner party, he is fanatically committed to the preservation of apartheid, which the current government is phasing out of existence.

South Africa's leading fascist, Terreblanche is a man whose movement is not only anti-black — but anti-Semitic. There is no immediate danger of an AWB coup, but Terreblanche and his blinkered followers are arming and training themselves for Armageddon. His movement may be small, but it reportedly has the tacit support of many working-class whites who fear change.

Nicholas Broomfield's documentary, *The Leader, His Driver and the Driver's Wife*, turns on Terreblanche and his neo-Nazi acolytes. To the best of my knowledge, it is the first English-language film to deal with the Terreblanche/AWB phenomenon.

It is playing at the Bloor Cinema until Dec. 12, after which it will be featured at the Paradise and the Revue.

The Leader — which finishes its run on Dec. 21 — can be compared to the acclaimed *Roger & Me*, since both films are nominally about the ludicrous lengths to which a dogged filmmaker will go to obtain an interview. In *Roger & Me*, the prey was the inaccessible chairman of General Motors. In *The Leader*, the quarry is the elusive Terreblanche, whose mistrust of the media is profound.

Broomfield, a Briton who deliberately portrays himself as an innocent abroad, sets up camp in the small Afrikaner town of Ventersdorp, where Terreblanche lives. Terreblanche agrees to be interviewed, but whenever Broomfield shows up at his office, he is never there.

Terreblanche is obviously playing games, but Broomfield persists in his quest. In the process, he befriends Terreblanche's obliging driver, J.P. Meyer, and his ever-smiling wife, Anita. J.P. has just spent three months in prison, having been suspected of terrorist activities. Anita is a health care worker who distributes condoms to local blacks and arranges sterilizations for their women.

The Meyers are kind, hospitable people, but they're bigots to the core. Anita cheerfully speaks of "kaffirs," a derogatory term for non-whites, while J.P. openly describes himself as "a bloody racist."

When Broomfield asks him to elucidate on the "satans" and anti-Christs" of which he speaks, he refers darkly to "international money power." Pressed to be more specific, J.P. names the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers and the Oppenheimers (the latter being South Africa's wealthiest family dynasty. It hardly matters that the Jewish Oppenheimers have converted to Christianity. Once a Jew, always a Jew, as far as J.P. and his ilk are concerned.)

As he cools his heels in Ventersdorp, Broomfield runs into a town councillor and his cronies. The councillor — the richest person in town by virtue of his ownership of a diamond mine — dashes off patronizing comments about blacks and warns blacks they are not welcome to use the local swimming pool. Not to be outdone, his friend issues a threat — he will shoot the first black who so as much "touches" one of his daughters. Both men imply that blacks are spreading the AIDS virus.

The Leader shows Terreblanche at political rallies, at a secret commando training camp, at a dinner held at a golf club and at a unsuccessful rally in a stadium which attracts only an embarrassing handful of spectators.

When Broomfield finally pins down Terreblanche and interviews him, it's a fiasco — the "worst" interview he's ever given, according to J.P. Terreblanche is his usual hectoring, belligerent, self-important self, admonishing Broomfield for having been five minutes late for a previous appointment.

The Leader pokes hearty fun at the self-absorbed Terreblanche and his tinpot neo-Nazi troopers. But there's a serious message behind the dark humor: Terreblanche and company mean to go down fighting if necessary.

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FIEVEL RETURNS

When last seen in 1986, the Mousekewitz clan had escaped persecution in Czarist Russia and had found a haven in the United States. As an animated cartoon, *An American Tail* was a most interesting allegory — mice as Russian Jews fending off pogroms and cats as their thuggish tormentors.

In the current sequel, *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West*, this adorable Jewish mouse and his family forsake the mean tenements of New York for the wide open, healthy spaces of the West, where mice and cats are supposedly equal. Inevitably, complications set in as Fievel and his allies — Tiger the timid dog and Wylie Burp, the honest sheriff — fight off the diabolical schemes of Cat R. Waul.

Co-produced by Steven Spielberg, *An American Tail* is not as impressive as its predecessor. But the animation work is, as expected, first-rate, and Fievel is as delightful as ever. The voices are that of Nehemiah Persoff, Jimmy Stewart, Amy Irving, John Cleese and Phillip Glasser.

Fievel is at Famous Players theatres.

Moscow male choir astonishes

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

When one hears that a choir is only two years old, and that it is made up of singers who are newcomers to Jewish liturgy, it is understandable to expect an amateur sound — earnest and committed, but amateur nonetheless.

Therefore, when The Moscow Jewish Male Choir (MJMC) opened its collective mouth, and gorgeous, complex and sophisticated harmony poured forth, it was an astonishing feast for the ears. In fact, the whole concert performed by the touring choir at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation was astonishing.

The MJMC is a product of glasnost, the phenomenon in the Soviet Union that has allowed Jews to freely practise their religion after 70 years of suppression. In an effort to fan the flames of Judaism so long dormant in that sleeping giant of a country, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) funded a project that would both train cantors and form a choir to spread Jewish liturgical music.

In 1989, the cantorial academy and choir held its first seminar in Moscow led by teachers such as Cantor Joseph Malovany of New York's Fifth Avenue Synagogue. In fact, the cantor is the special guest star with the MJMC on its present tour of North America and appeared in Toronto with the group.

That such a sound can be produced by a choir that has met only three times a week for a couple of years is proof that music is inherent in the Russian soul, Jewish or non-Jewish.

Admittedly, the 18-member choir is made up of professional musicians who sing elsewhere — either in folk ensembles, other choirs, musical theatres or opera houses. But Jewish music is new to them, as is the Hebrew and Yiddish language, and mastering the texts and the cantorial cadences is the miracle of their sensibility to Jewish music. Also, it usually takes many years of tradition to produce the tight and controlled sound that is the hallmark of this singing group.

Firm leadership

But these men just don't sing melody; under the firm leadership of conductor Mikhail Touretski, and using scores supplied by Malovany, they attempt difficult and demanding vocal harmonic skills. Whether in the gentle lyricism of *Ma Tovu* or the uplifting and sprightly *Hallelujah* of Lewandowsky, the choir produced a disciplined sound full of nuance and color. Loud, soft, sweet, cantorial, sad, joyous — no matter what the mood, the men used the inventive musical arrangements to the best advantage. These were scores for the adventurous, not for the timid.

Several of the choir members also acted as soloists. Tenor Leonid Bomshtein is a cantor in the making while bass-baritone Vladimir Kraytman is reminiscent of those deep barrelled Russian voices that are able to plumb the depths of sound so fully; yet each of these men could step back into the ensemble and submerge his voice with the rest. Individually and collectively, choir members sang with a passion and feeling that touched the wellspring of "Yiddishkeit" in the listeners.

Malovany was given two solo spots on the program as well as singing with the choir on several occasions. In his solos, he was accompanied by a sympathetic Natasha Toimkina on the piano. The cantor showed some strains in his high notes, but his middle and lower ranges produced gorgeous tones. His selections covered the spectrum from the complex and demanding *Aylu Dvarim*, a setting of a Mishna teaching, to an amusing Second Avenue Yiddish song about three different types of chazzans auditioning for a synagogue.

The Mizrachi Organization of Canada and the Yeladim-Fund for Young Russian Olim sponsored the choir's tour to Toronto and the groups deserve our appreciation for the quality of the concert.

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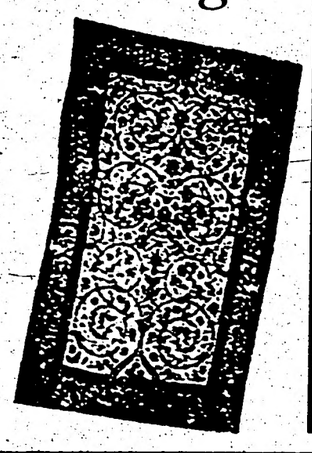

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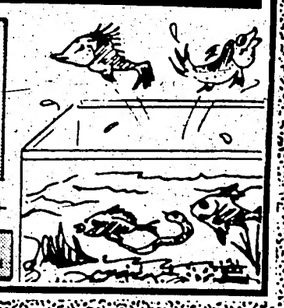

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By LEN BUTCHER

I know it's already mid-December and most of you are already in--or on your way to--**Florida.** But I also know that while you're playing gin rummy and telling your cronies we must be meshugene to spend the winter in **Canada,** you can't wait to get your copy of **The CJN** which you've arranged to have sent to you.

So knowing that eventually you will get to this page and read, albeit reluctantly, this column, I'm going to pass on some good news. This good news comes in the form of a book with the catchy title, *Travelling Jewish In America.* Okay, so it's not catchy and not terribly creative, but if you're Jewish and you're traveling in America, what more do you want?

The book is called the complete guide to business and pleasure and this third edition has been revised, enlarged and edited by **Ellen Chernofsky.**

For those of you who want to know everything--and that's most of you--it is published by **Wandering You Press** (now that's creative) out of **Lodi, NJ** (how can anyone live in a place called **Lodi**?) and sells for $11.95 U.S.

You should be able to find it in bookstores (no kidding? Did we think we'd find it in our favorite deli between the pickled herring and gefilte fish?)

All snide remarks aside, the book, which includes **Canada,** lists, in alphabetical order by state, province and city, addresses and phone numbers of synagogues, including their denominations, rabbis and services; kosher restaurants and food stores with details as to what they sell, meals served, menus and kosher supervision.

You will also find **B'nai Brith Hillel** foundations and other Jewish student organizations which offer synagogue services and/or kosher meals, with the name of the individual responsible for kashruth.

I know. You're already thinking this is a great buy. But is the **Butcher Man** finished? Is **Genghis Kahn Rucker** smiling? You know the answer to that. So let me tell you more.

Also listed in **TJIA** are hotels, motels or bed and breakfast accommodations near synagogues and/or with kitchens, private hospitality, mikvaot with contact information, day schools and bookstores. What more could you want? I know. A free copy. Listen up. I'm the only one who gets a free copy.

Anyway, it's got 493 pages and it's only $11.95. That's less than three cents a page. Before you ask, no, you can't buy only the 20 pages that interest you.

The **Butcher Man** has never steered you wrong yet, has he? Okay, so recommending **Yugoslavia** as the perfect holiday destination wasn't such a good idea, but nobody's perfect.

Get the book. It's a great guide.

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We all know that next year marks the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from **Spain** in 1492. What you might not know is that **Beth Tikvah Synagogue** is planning a **Sephardic Heritage Tour** to **Jewish Spain** and **Israel.**

Escorted by **Rabbi Wayne and Patti Allen,** the tour will run from Sunday, March 22 to Monday, April 6. **Heather Shapero** of **Beth Tikvah's** Sephardic World committee told me last week that the trip is the first one sponsored from **Beth Tikvah** in 15 years.

She says two travel agents are working together on the tour because of the intricacies in dealing with **Spain.** Because of that, **Elie Abitbol** of **Joy of Travel** was called in. The unusual nature of the itinerary of the **Israel** part also required a specialist and the call went out for **Emile Aufgang** of **Aufgang Travel.** Two airlines--**El Al** and **Iberia**--will be used for the tour.

The cost of the tour (per person sharing a double room) is $3,246 Cdn. For more information about the tour's itinerary and what's included in the cost, call **Rabbi Allen** at 221-3433; **Emile Aufgang** at 789-7117; or **Elie Abitbol** at 475-3667.

Why not call my contact, **Heather Shapero**? Because she, my friends, has gone where we all should be. **Israel.**

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It seems you're not safe anywhere these days. Poor **Bess Myerson**--you remember her as a former Miss America as well as doing a consumer report for one of the daily morning talk shows. Well, it seems she was in the **Soviet Union** recently on behalf of a Jewish organization taking young **Chernobyl** radiation victims to **Israel** for treatment.

While at **Moscow's** airport, a couple of creeps tried to steal her purse, which she was carrying over her shoulder. While grabbing the bag, the muggers threw her to the ground so hard, **Myerson** broke her leg and had to be treated in a **Moscow** hospital. She later flew to **New York** where she was given additional hospital care.

That's the trouble with carrying a loaf of bread in your purse. (Just kidding)

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And here's another **Canadian** first. **Canadian Airlines** has published **The Guide to Civilized Travel.** This 192-page travel guide which fits in your pocket (depending how big your pocket is) features detailed info on the airlines' products and services, including a worldwide timetable and city destination highlights.

Now get this. It's the first airline in **North America** to produce this type of guide. Okay, so it doesn't compare to the **Argos** winning the **Grey Cup,** but what do you want on a dreary December morning?

And last, but not least. The **Australian** airline industry, realizing it can't stop sex tourism to southeast **Asia,** has found a way to caution its passengers about the threat of **AIDS.** The slogan, "Travel Safe" will now be printed on air tickets issued in **Australia.**

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	71	598.78	543.37
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	65	487.25	461.22
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Fifty percent profit recorded by Israel's Bank Hapoalim

TEL AVIV —

Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest financial group, reported increased profit of more than 50 percent for the third quarter of 1991 over the previous three months. Net profit in the first nine months of the year reached $57 million (U.S.).

During the third quarter, the bank's net profit was $23 million, an increase of 50.7 percent over the second quarter of 1991, and of 30.3 percent compared to the same period in 1990. The entire three quarters showed a rise of one percent in profit over the previous year. These nine month results are considered highly satisfactory in view of the reduction in economic activity in Israel during the first quarter due to the Gulf War.

Improved profitability is said to result principally from a growth in Bank Hapoalim's operating income which reached $278 million, an increase of almost 11 percent over the first nine months of last year. The third quarter's operating income rose by six percent compared to that of the second quarter, largely due to an increase in stock market and foreign currency transactions.

Net return on equity, on an annual basis, reached 5.9 percent during the first nine months and 7.5 percent for the third quarter, while shareholders' equity rose by 4.5 percent to $1.95 billion.

Total consolidated assets of the Bank Hapoalim Group stood at $34.8 billion as of Sept. 30, 1991. Deposits from the public amounted to $20 billion, and credits to the public were $16.4 billion at the end of the third quarter of 1991.

A major increase in the bank's financing activities for building projects was reported, reflecting the principal area of growth in the Israeli economy during 1991.

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By
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Pension options outlined in answer to questions

Question: Can a person who died in 1991 make a special pension RRSP contribution of $6,000 after his death?

Answer: Such a contribution is allowed to be made by the executor just so long as it is made within 60 days of the date of the death. This type of RRSP contribution can be a valuable move if the deceased has taxable earned income for the year. It will lower the taxable income on the final income tax return by $6,000 and therefore the income tax payable on behalf of the deceased. If, however, there is little or no earned income for 1991 it will not be worth doing.

One other point. The executor must be sure that the spouse is the beneficiary so that he or she can then have a tax-free rollover of the RRSP.

Question: I have always believed that if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. From what I have seen and heard, a reverse mortgage sounds that way. What's the catch in it?

Answer: The reverse mortgage is relatively new in Canada, although it has been available in Great Britain for over 25 years and in the United States for 17 years. The basic concept of the reverse mortgage allows people over age 60 to use the equity in their home to produce income by means of the purchase of a life annuity. No mortgage payments are made and the income is tax free. You and your spouse retain title and remain in the house as long as you live. This may sound too good to be true but that is how the plan works.

There is no catch. However, there are some specific rules. Although no mortgage payments are made, the mortgage interest is added to the debt semi-annually. On the death of the homeowner(s), the debt is repaid by selling the house. Any equity remaining belongs to the estate.

The one down side to the program is that you will be getting money now, and for the rest of your life, out of the value of your house. That, in simple terms, means that your estate will be getting less after you are gone. Obviously, if you spend your family's inheritance, there will be less for them. Just so long as this is understood, the reverse mortgage can be acceptable in improving your income position.

Question: I am 71 this year and plan to contribute to my RRSP. With 1992 being a leap year, do I still have until March 1, 1992 to make my contribution or do I do it on Feb. 29, 1992?

Answer: Your inquiry is just in time. Since you are age 71 in 1991, you must make your RRSP contribution before the end of the year. You do not have the option of the additional 60 days following the end of the calendar year as in every other year. If you haven't done so yet, we suggest you make your contribution immediately.

If you have a spouse who is under age 71, you could make a spousal contribution to her RRSP instead of yours. Then you could take advantage of the additional 60 days.

This brings up another interesting point. Since 1992 is a "leap year," RRSP contributions must be made by Feb. 29, 1992. If you wait until March 1, you will be out of luck.

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Business Outlook

Strub Brothers will remain producing pickles in Canada

By
MOURA WOLPERT

BRANTFORD —

Despite the attractions of a move to the United States — lower taxes, lower building costs, cheaper produce — Strub Brothers Limited has chosen to remain in Canada.

Moving across the border would have made good economic sense for the company specializing in kosher style refrigerated pickled products.

But there were other considerations as well and when the time came for expansion and it was faced with the question of where to relocate, Strub's chose Brantford.

"Our family made an investment in Canada 70 years ago and we intend to stay. We believe in Canada," states vice-president Leo Strub.

Another big reason for remaining in Canada was that they did not wish their expansion to hurt any of their employees. Many have been with the company for 10, 20 and even 30 years and were experienced and loyal. Rather than lay them off, the company invested in "a 12-person van — the Pickle People Mover" to commute staff to Brantford.

Yet another factor in choosing Brantford, Leo's son, Arnie, points out, was the new plant's proximity to a major highway.

Little did Leo's grandmother, Sophie Strub, dream 70 years ago, when she was packing away cucumbers in brine in her kitchen in Guelph, that pickles made from her recipe would one day make their way along that highway across Canada from Halifax to Vancouver, that they'd be on the shelves of supermarkets in the United States, and that they'd be available even as far away as Los Angeles.

Russian immigrant

She had brought her recipe for kosher style pickles when she and her husband, Michael, immigrated to Canada from Russia in 1921.

In Hamilton a few years later, Michael, a butcher, opened his own shop. But those were depression days and the business failed.

One Pesach, Michael was hanging around Boleslawsky's kosher deli on York Street, when Boleslawsky ran out of his own homemade pickles. He wouldn't have any more, said Boleslawsky until he made new ones the following year.

Michael offered to bring in some of his wife's pickles and in return, Boleslawsky gave him food for Pesach.

The deli owner liked Sophie's pickles and suggested she put down an extra couple of barrels next year so that he wouldn't have to bother . . . And that's how Strub's Pickles got started.

Over the years, new products were added: horseradish, hot mixed pickles, hot banana peppers, dill tomatoes, a line of herring products, sauerkraut and now, coinciding with the plant's opening, something new: crunchy, no preservatives, 25 percent less salt Garden Fresh Dill Pickles and Strub's Tzatziki, a yogurt-based cucumber and garlic dip and spread. All are strictly kosher, of course.

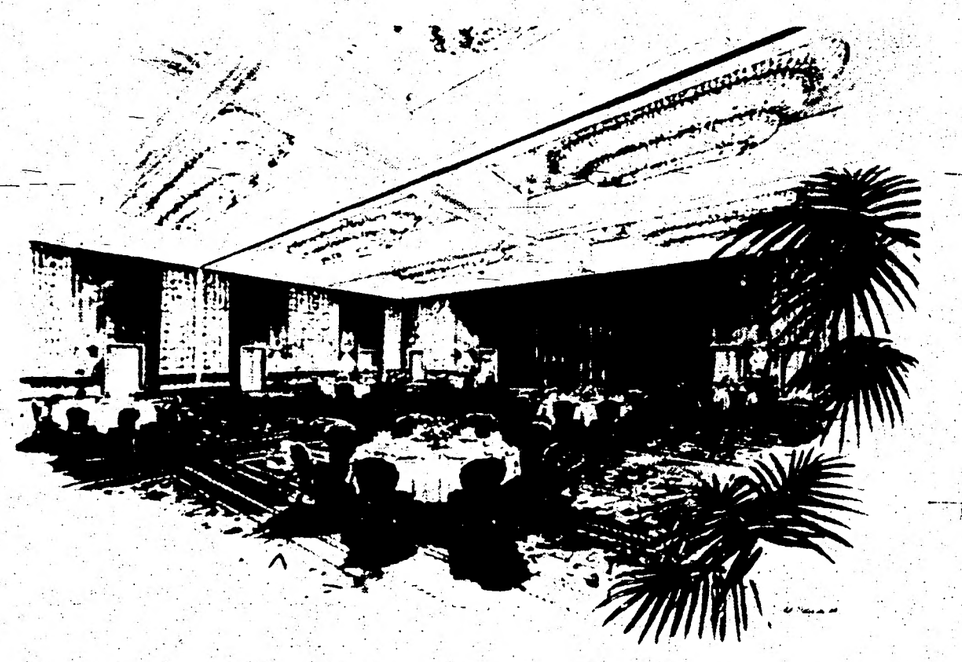
Sophie and Michael Strub would have been amazed, had they been among the guests at a recent open house at the new plant, at the gleaming white building with its conveyor belts, automated sterilizing, bottling and labelling equipment and the smart new offices.

Designed and built specifically for Strub's, the 50,000-sq. ft. plant sets industry standards for refrigerated kosher pickle production and is the only one of its kind in Canada. There's also room for expansion.

It's a long way from Sophie's humble kitchen and the back of a Dundas warehouse, where her sons, Daniel and Irvin, began packing pickles in 1930 for sale to restaurants such as Switzer's and Shopsy's. And it's far from the larger but still very modest Dundas warehouse where, in 1956, they started bottling pickles for sale to grocery stores — and amicably shared a desk in their one and only office.

Strub's has remained a family business. Daniel and Irvin are still actively involved; Irvin's son, Leo, and his three sons, Arnie, Marty and Andy, run the business and Leo's wife, Isabel, takes care of accounting, personnel and other office matters.

Sophie Strub brought her recipe for kosher-style pickles with her when she came from Russia in 1921. Today, Strub pickles are well-known.



The newly-renovated ballroom at the Sheraton has been designed to cater to regular meetings, gala balls or stage shows with a minimum technical set up.

Sheraton renovations begin

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

A new grand ballroom featuring the latest in light and sound at the Sheraton Centre Hotel and Tower at 123 Queen St. West in Toronto, is part of the first phase of a $47 million renovation now underway.

"The renovated grand ballroom will allow us to serve our kosher market better than ever before," says Jeffrey Westin, the Sheraton Centre's director of food and beverage.

He explains that there is a well-designed support grid system which "allows for superb versatility in lighting and decor." There are movable stages that allow for greater flexibility and creativity in floor plans and design.

He notes that with new carpeting, wall coverings and comfortable chairs for the 20,060 square foot ballroom and 10,775 square foot foyer, "you have a ballroom that is truly grand."

"With the new ballroom, we will, without a doubt, provide complete technical service to our clients," says Henry Durda, the director of Sheraton's show services department. "All of my staff are graduates of course in audio engineering and the recording arts and sciences."

Along with private parties, the Sheraton Centre's grand ballroom is a popular location for many communal events. Recently, the hotel management points out, the ballroom and foyer were transformed into an English garden for the 37th annual Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Gala Ball which raised $250,000 towards the establishment of a diagnostic imaging centre.

Marcel van Aelst, the managing director, notes that the first phase of the renovation project also includes a $2.1 million front desk with 15 automated check-in and cashier stations adjacent to Queen Street, against a backdrop of City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square.

"Our new ballroom will surpass that of any hotel in the country," said van Aelst. "We can accommodate regular meetings, gala balls, or stage shows with minimum technical set up."

The Sheraton Towers will be expanded by two floors, to total 150 units. As well, 1,394 guest rooms (located in the 43-floor Queen Tower and in the 10-floor Richmond Tower) are being redone with elegant new furniture, fabrics, wall treatment, carpeting and washrooms.

The Sheraton Centre Hotel has a separate kosher kitchen for banquets and meetings under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress.

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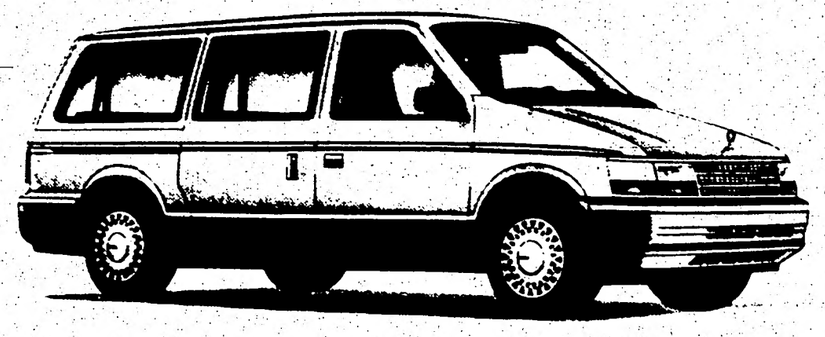
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First class quality! Custom detailing, 4 bdrm, mn flr fam rm. Outstanding master. B. Singer 488-2875.

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White lacquer kit, centre hall, bleached hardwood, bsmt apt. Robert Samery 886-1988.

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Updated 3 bdrm + nanny's on 40' lot! Eat in kit. Reduced to $279,000! Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

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80' x 155' lot, approx 5,500 sq. ft. Triple gar; 5 bdrms, fin bsmt! J. Maguire/D. Weiser 226-1987.

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$479,000. Centre hall 4 bd SOLD ens., Main flr. den & powder rm., eat-in kitchen, CAC. *Marlene Federman/*Susan Organek.

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$519,000. Attractive 4 bdrms., spacious princ. rms., main flr. family rm., kitchen w/brkfst. + w/o. Alarm. **Margaret Heiman.

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$515,000. Stunning foyer. 3 bdrms., master ens. w/whirlpool, eat-in kitchen, spacious princ. rms. Att. gar. *Edie Winberg.

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$299,000. Lovely 3 bedroom SOLD modern kitchen, fin. lower level, CAC, huge deck, 125 deep lot, great buy. *Eve Hillman.

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$1,890,000. Handsome 3-storey stone Tudor. Elegantly living & entertaining. 6+ bdrms., family rm. Dble. garage. *Edith Weiss.

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$498,000. Garden suite. Huge master with ensuite + den, extra bath, 3 walk-outs. Concierge. **Harold Hillman.

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Immaculate home approx. 2,400 sq. ft. with dble garage in quiet area. Sarah Rovet 764-7200.

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Spacious 3 bdrm, fam rm, fireplace, 2½ baths, dble garage, large white kit, parquet fls, asking $269,000. Lanas Byk 764-7200.

BATHURST-MAJOR NACKENZIE BACKS ONTO RAVINE
3 bdrms, 3 baths, w/o basement, 23' kit, w/o from living room to huge deck, garage dr. into townhome $259,000. M. or C. Green 764-7200.

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3+2 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., fin. bsmnt., $267,800. Garry Hazin, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — EXCELLENT VALUE!
3 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., quiet court, $249,000. Galya Mourad, 731-7111.

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4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, $259,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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End unit, 3 bths., firepl., gar., $209,900. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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$265,000 — THORNHILL DREAM HOME — FACING PARK 3 bdrms, 2-4 piece, 1-2 piece baths, new grey & white kit, upgraded carpet, close to transportation, shopping, synagogue. *R. Nosov

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4 Bdrm, huge renovated kit. overlooks park. Sep. Entr. to bsmt. apt. Great value at $299,000.

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Rarely found 3 bdrm plus den with sunken LR; fully finished basement on a 50 x 162 ft. lot. Ramon Tsur.

UPPER VILLAGE
Lovely updated 4 bdrm home with den and main floor powder rm. Offered at $549,000. Ramon Tsur.

ALLENBY — $375K!
This totally updated 3 bdrm Tudor style home with 28 ft. frontage offers lovely panelling throughout; renovated white kitchen; 2 full baths; fully finished basement and newly landscaped front lawn. Ramon Tsur.

INTEREST FREE FINANCE PACKAGE
Forest Hill Ravine. Only $300,000 down buys this gem! 5 bdrm, Fam. Rm; marble ensuite. Please call Hanya Kay.

CASA LOMA
Fabulous townhouse semi; 3 storey, 4 bdrm Thousands spent on upgrades. Motivated Vendor. Hanya Kay.

BRUNSWICK/DUPONT
This 3 storey Annex home has 5 bdrms, 3 kit. & baths; hdwd fls. A must see at $599,000. Fasithe Sversky.

BATHURST/ST. CLAIR
Hillcrest Village home, 3 bdrm semi, licensed front pad parking. Renovated with charm. $225,000. Faithe Sversky.

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Must sell. Great investment! 3 kit; 3 baths. Extremely motivated vendor. $169,000. Faithe Sversky.

PRESTIGIOUS TEEFY AVE.
Situated on a 179 x 140 ft. lot, this 4 bdrm home boasts a 37 x 15 ft. entrance hall, 3 baths on 2nd, fam. rm, library & ldry rm on main. Susan Teplitsky.

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From this rarely available 2 bdrm + den condo unit of approx. 1,750 sq. ft. + balcony. Ramon Tsur.

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Wonderful 3 bedroom condo in excellent location, $$$ on upgrades. Faithe Sversky.

SPADINA/ST. CLAIR
Downtown 2 bdrm co-op. Only $140,000. Call for details. Hanya Kay.

RENTALS

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3 bdrm, 2 bath upper duplex. $1,695/month. Chris Adamson.

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BATHURST - GLENCAIRN!
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- **PRIMROSE.** 2 bd. S. expos. $184,500. M. Kahn, 731-7111.
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- **LANDMARK III.** 2 bd., sol. $209,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Gesher stresses cultural identity

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Rabbi Benji Levene, associate director of the Gesher Foundation, believes in an Israel where all Jews can live together in a culture of differences.

"Whether we succeed or not, I know we are trying to do something about it," says Rabbi Levene. Gesher, a non-political, non-affiliated movement, strives to bridge the gap between the religious and secular communities in Israel.

Rabbi Levene, the grandson of Reb Areyeh Levene, known as the zaddik [righteous man] of Jerusalem for his acts of kindness and devotion to all Jews, was in Toronto recently for the Canada Israel Gesher Foundation. He was the featured speaker at a number of awareness parlor meetings.

He spoke at the homes of Donald and Judy Feld Carr, Jack and Harriet Feintuch, at a United Jewish Appeal lunch-and-learn meeting for the lawyers' division and the BAYT synagogue at a shabbat service.

He also spoke at a Young Leadership evening sponsored by Rochelle and Rabbi Elliot Diamond, Julea and Robert Gasner, Brenda and Brian Lass and Rebecca and Berl Nadler.

Rabbi Levene, who was featured at a sell-out performance of the *Four Faces of Israel* at the Royal Alexandra Theatre last year, was in Toronto to promote Gesher's newest endeavor aptly designated — *Let My People Know* — a comprehensive Jewish educational program for Soviet Jewish immigrants.

Rabbi Levene explained that after 70 years of Communist rule, most Russian Jews have little or no Jewish education and they are very confused about their Jewish identity.

"Gesher created special programs to give them the knowledge and background they never received in Russia," says the rabbi. "Gesher has already begun conducting them in the school system."

He noted that Gesher is producing a Russian video series (also in English) on 20 different Jewish characters including Abraham, Elijah the prophet and King David. These will be broadcast throughout Israel and will be a source of discussion in the Hebrew language courses.

"We had to develop ways to reach the masses of immigrants," explains the rabbi. "Other organizations are trying to reach out to these immigrants but Gesher is equipped and knowledgeable about how to reach the masses of people. Learning about their Jewish heritage is an essential part of bringing them back into the fold of world Jewry and absorbing them into the Jewish state."

Speaking of the division between the secular and religious in Israel, Rabbi Levene says, "Despite being surrounded by hostile neighbors, the greatest threat to Israel is from within. An Israel which is strong internally can withstand all Arab pressure, but a religious/secular split undermines the social cohesiveness of the state and diminishes Israel's ability to withstand such pressure. We are aiming to change the attitudes and prejudices of the next generation — we are breaking down stereotypes."

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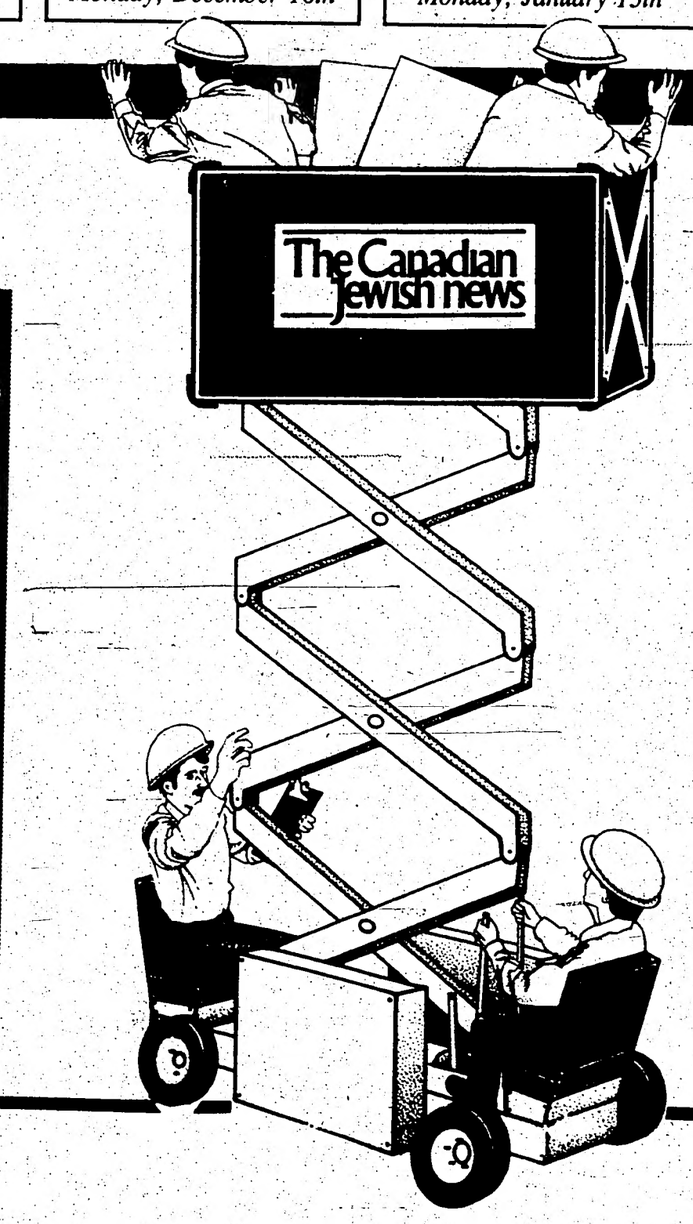

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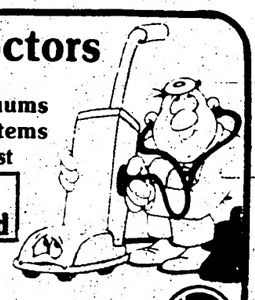

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